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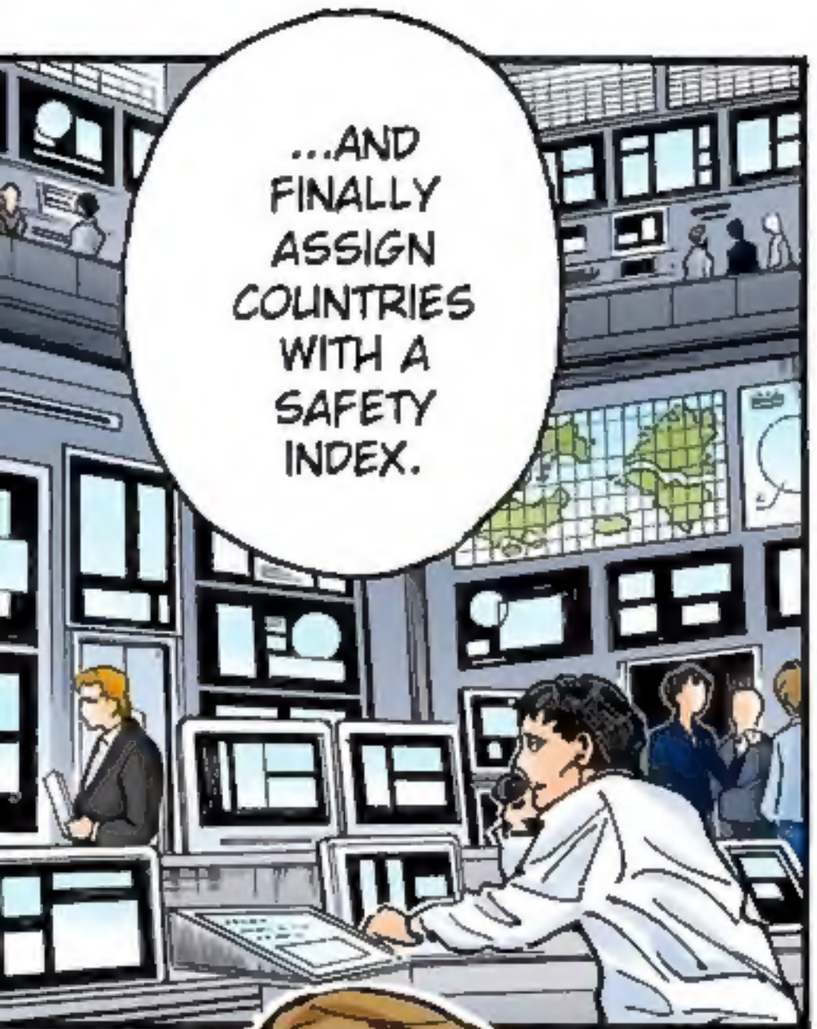
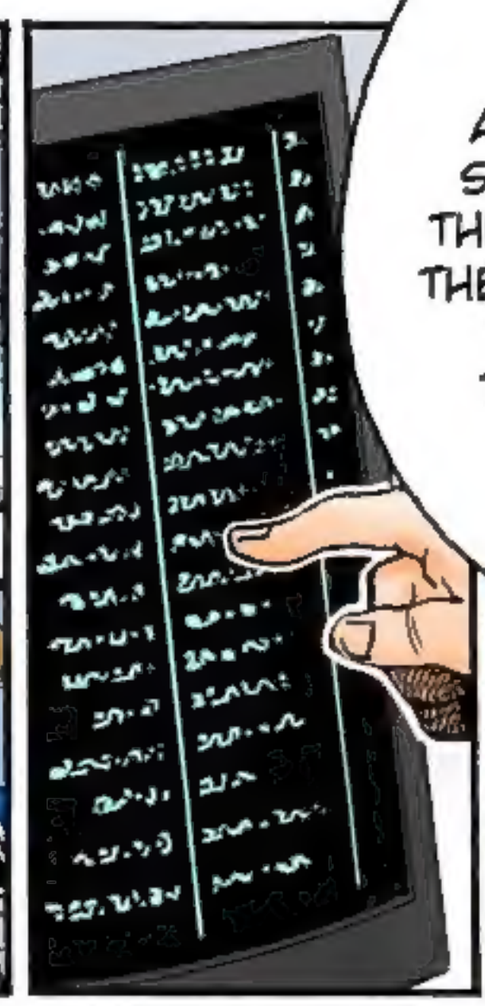
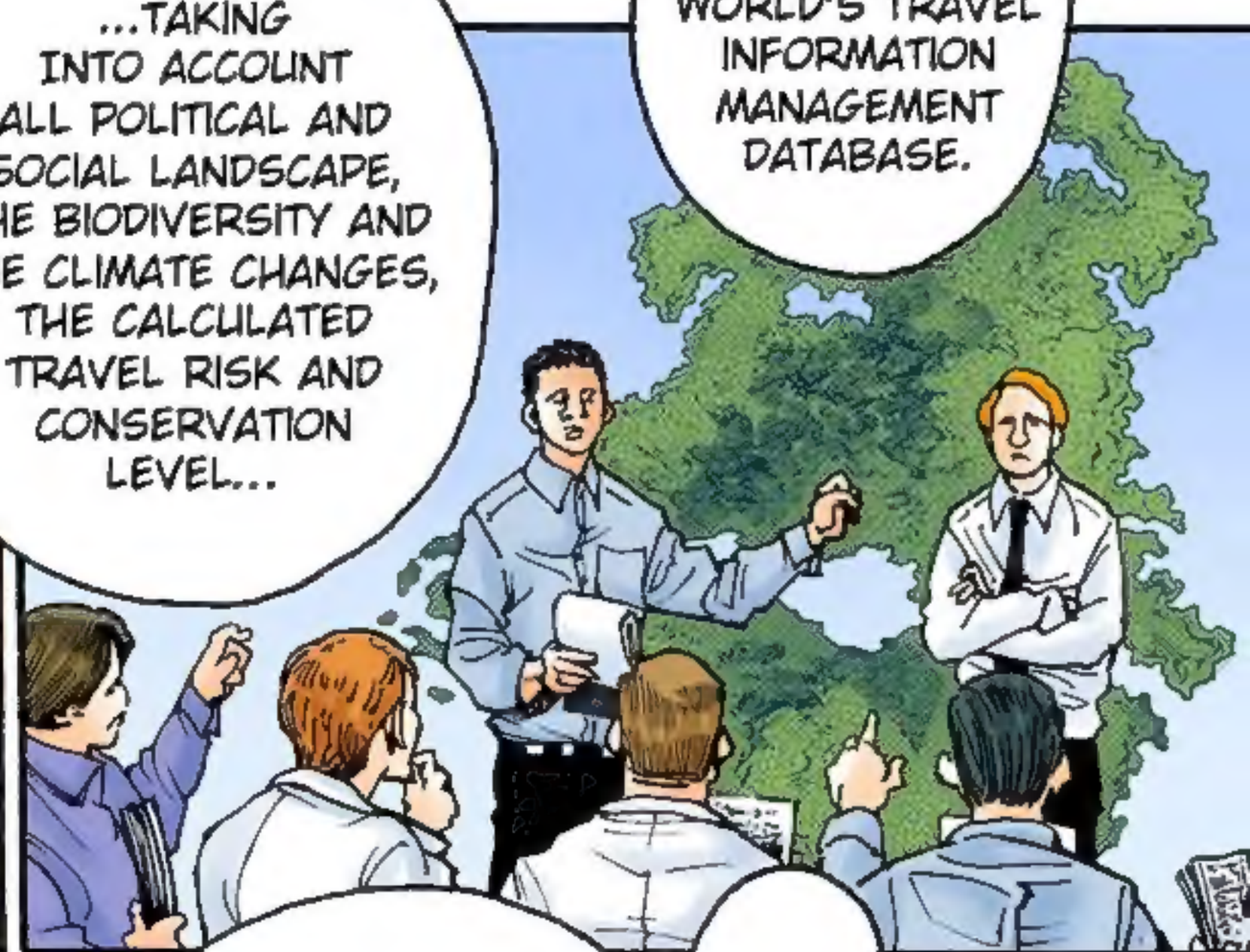
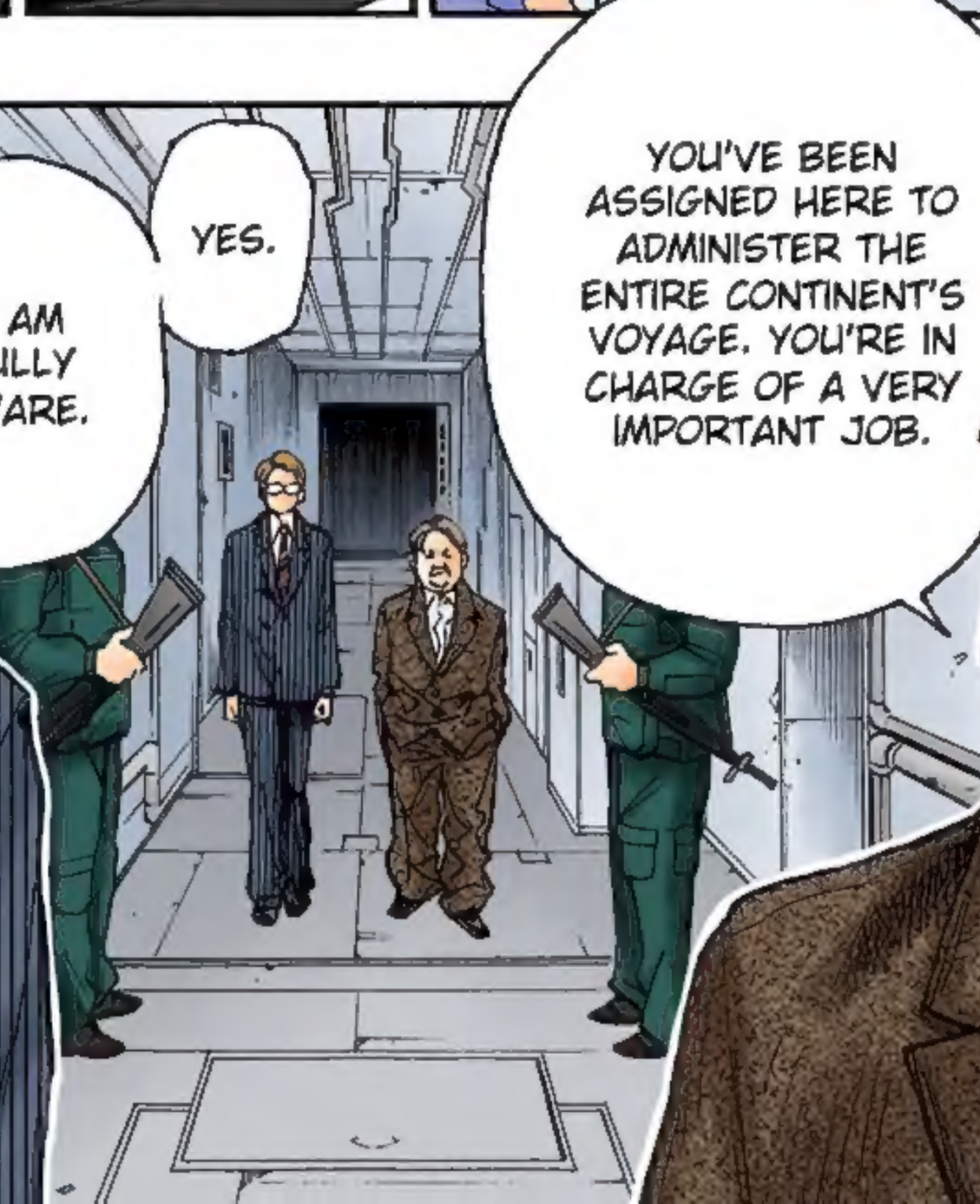
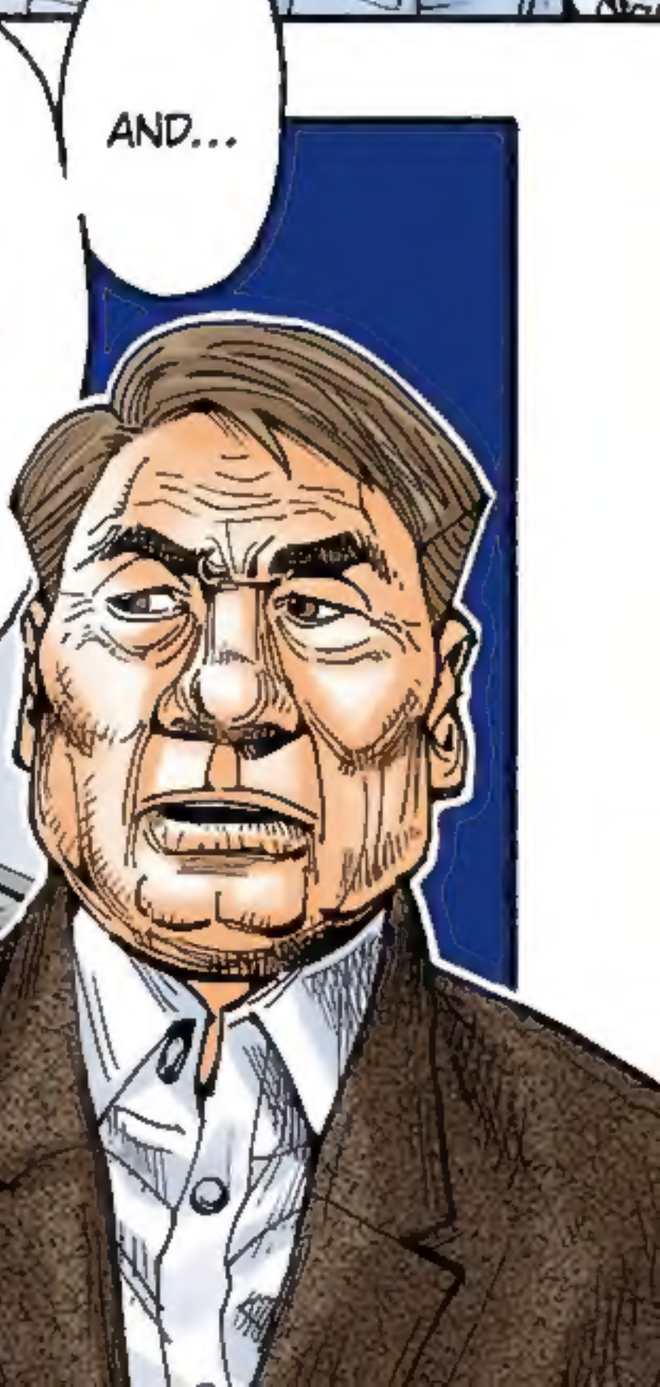
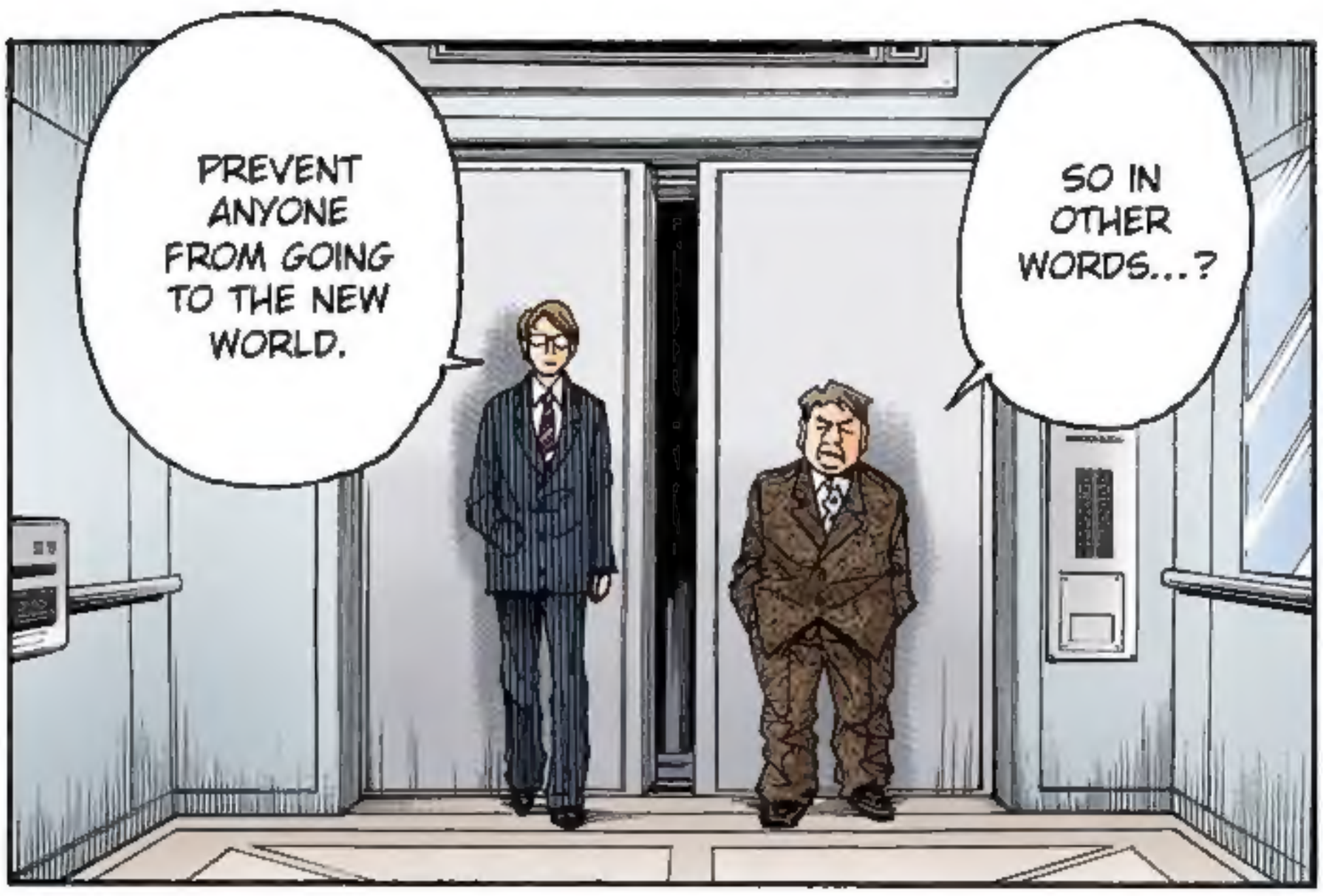


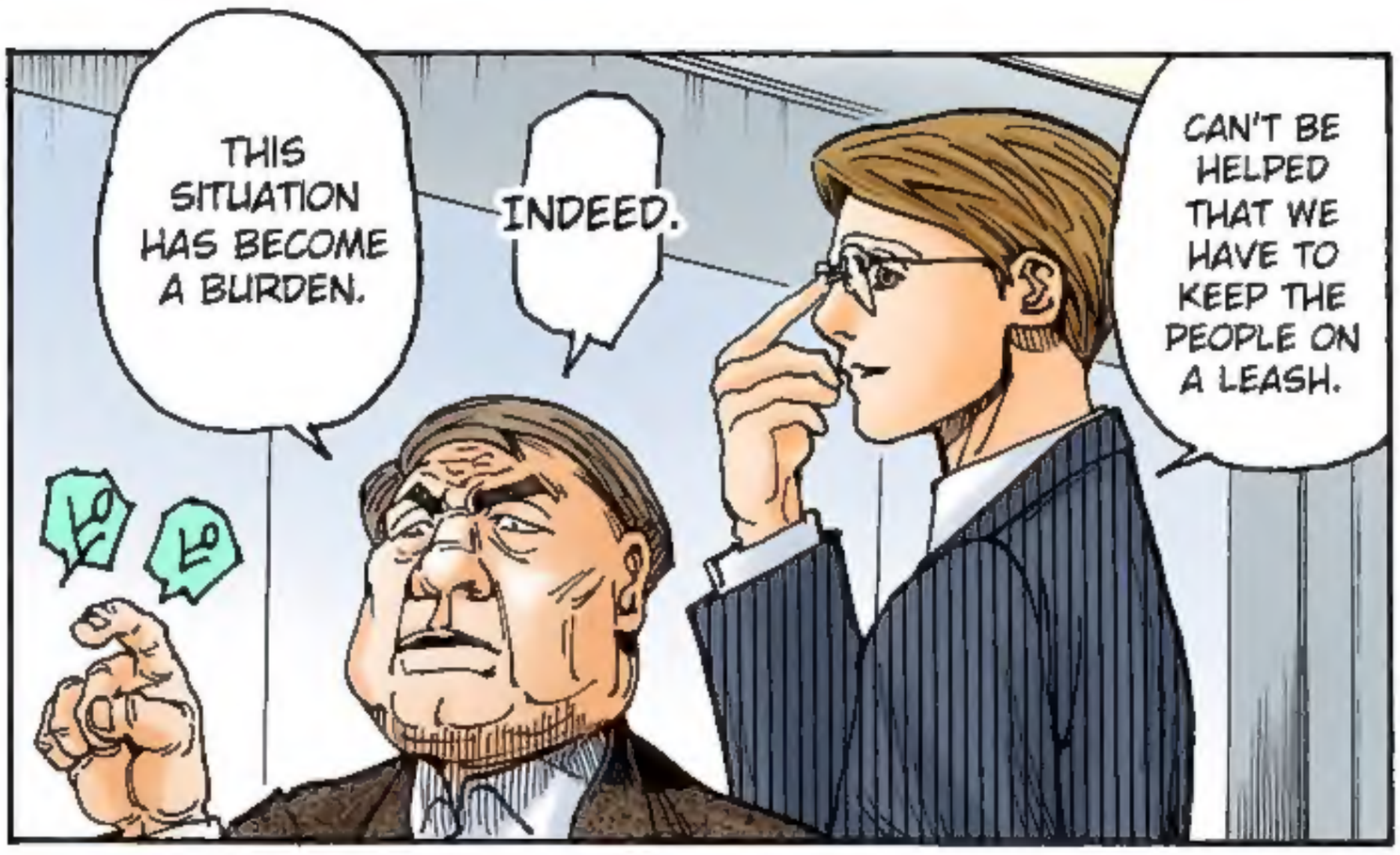


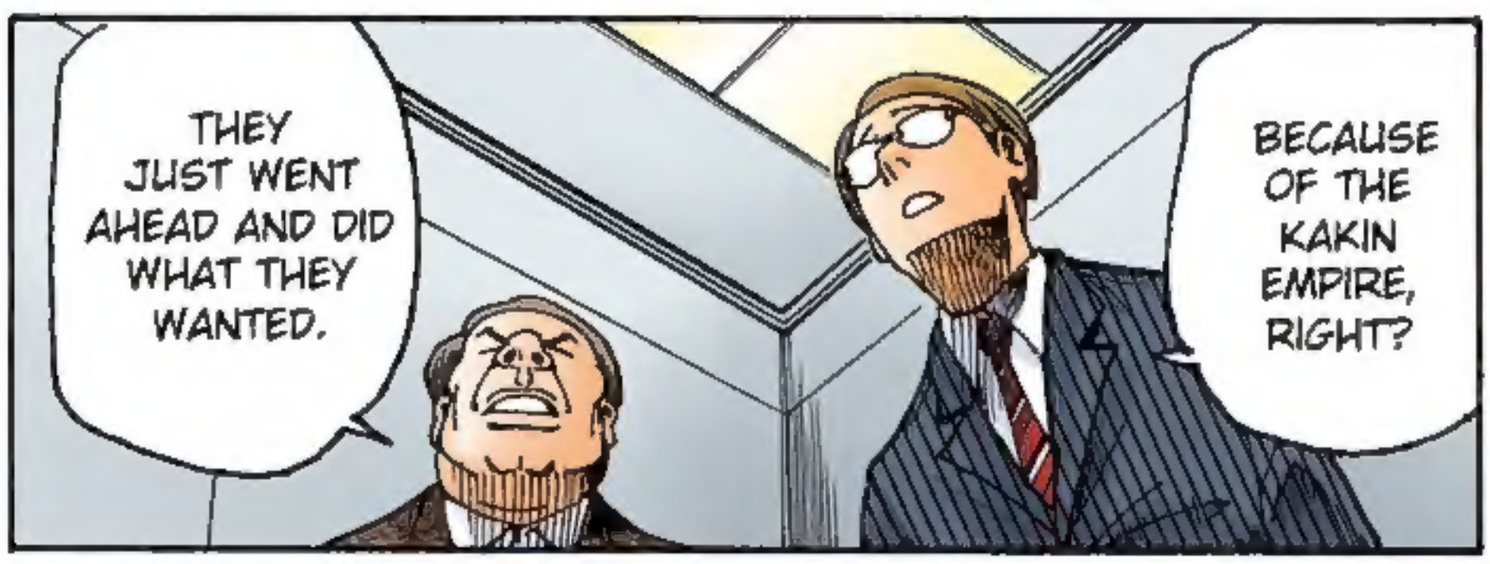


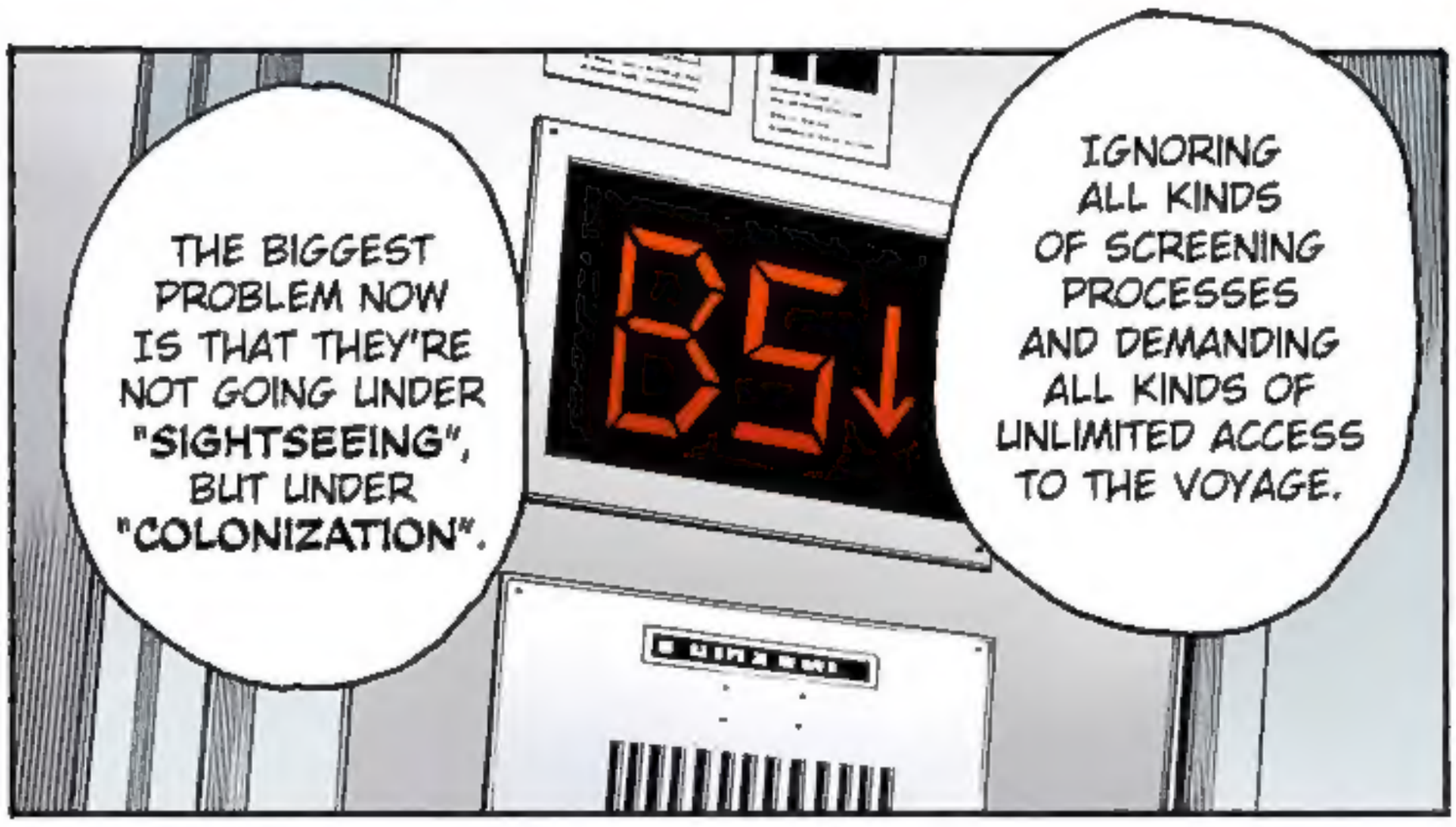












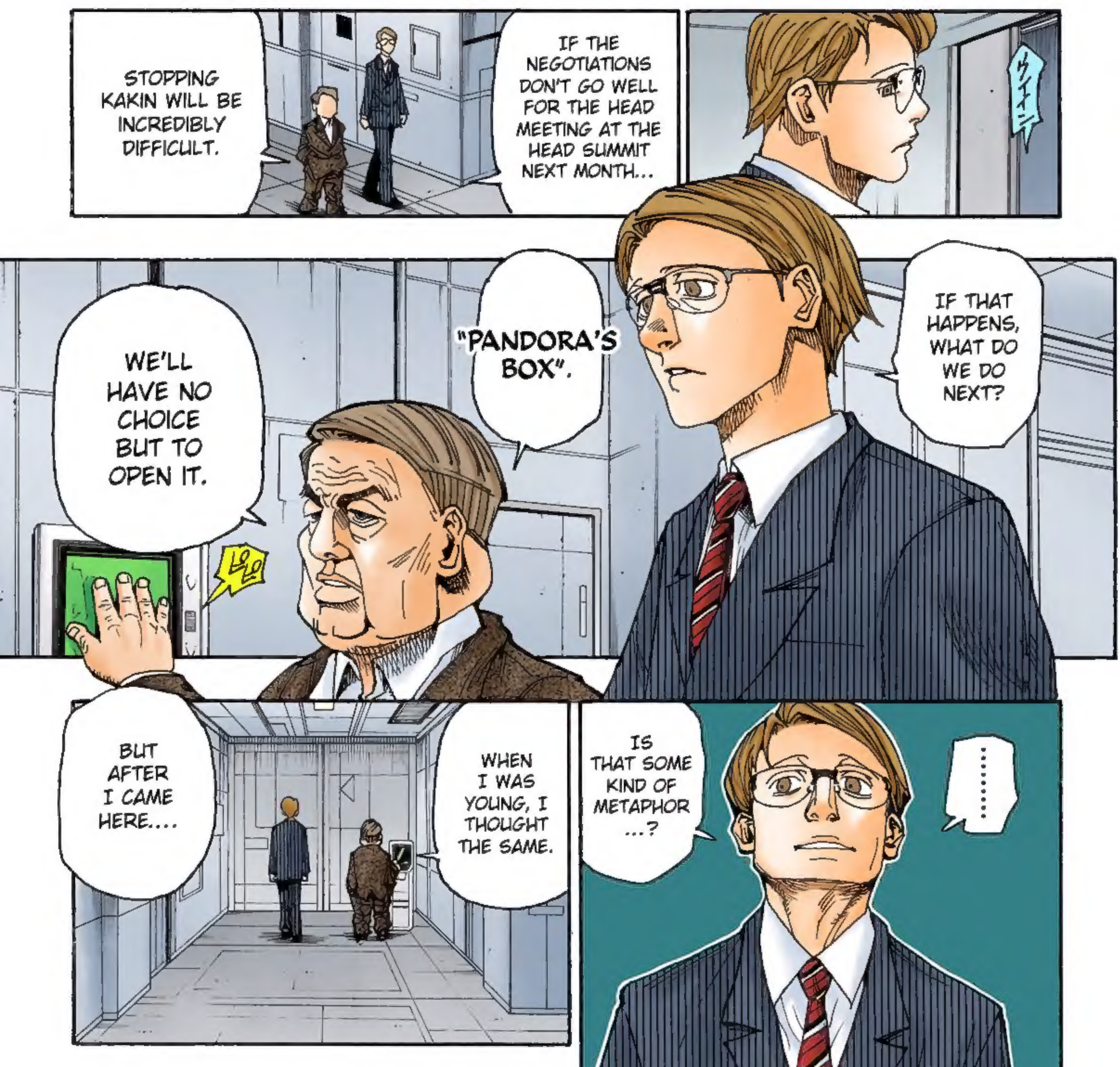
WHAT'S THE FIRST ARTICLE OF BUSINESS FOR AN EMPLOYEE?

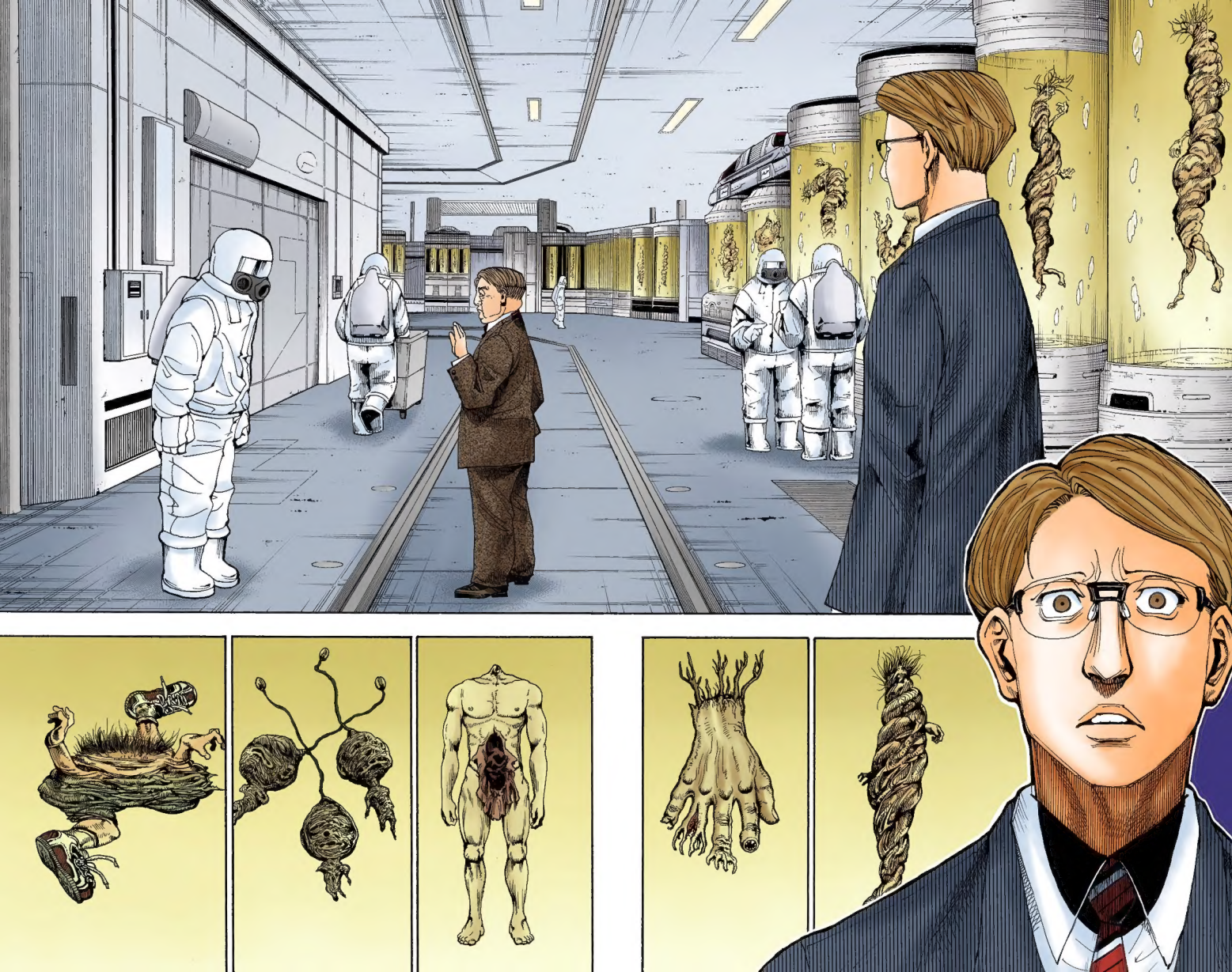
"RIGIDLY SCREEN ALL APPLICANTS FOR TRAVEL TO THE NEW WORLD AND ADMINISTER A MULTILATERAL AND COMPREHENSIVE INQUISITION AND TRAINING PROCESS."

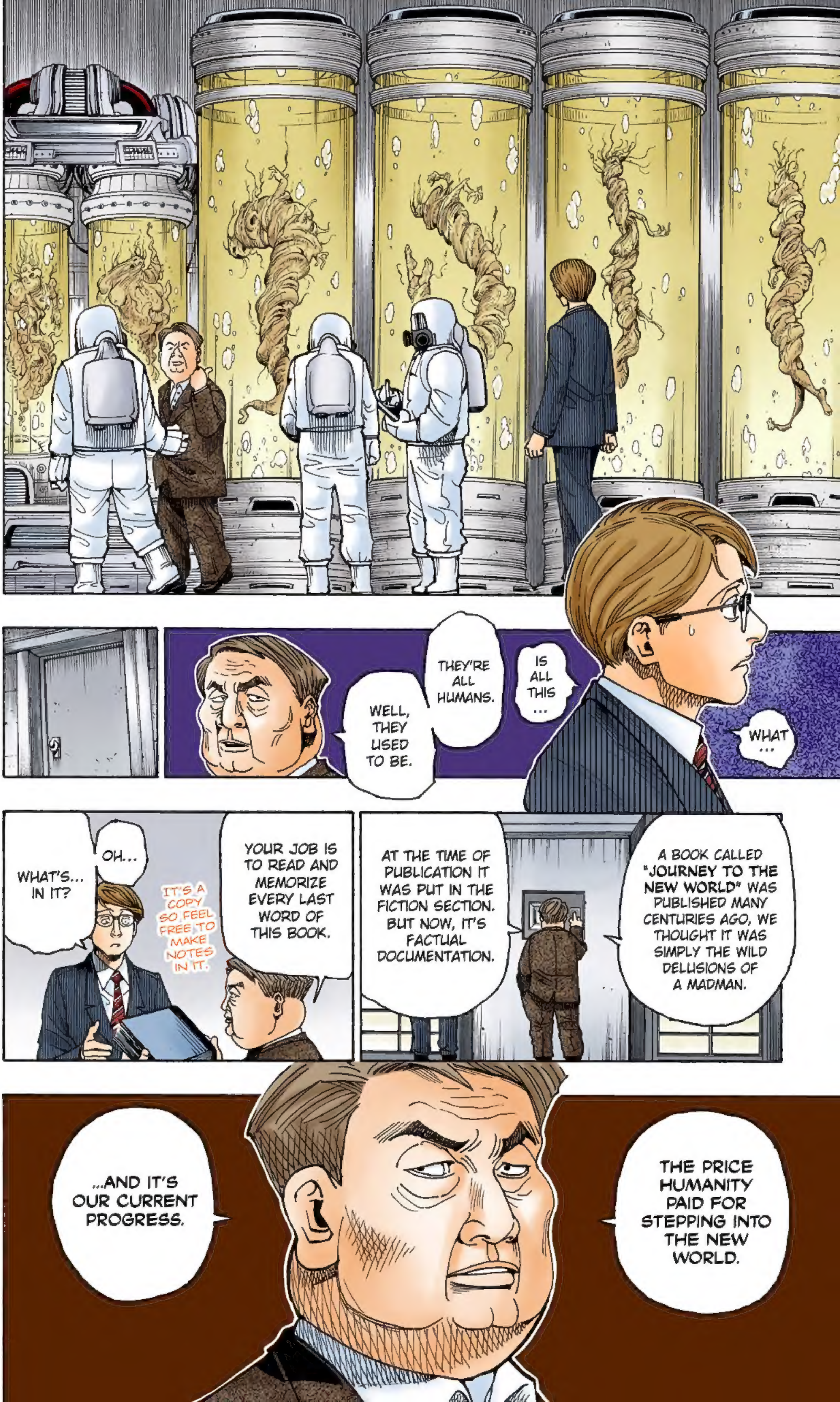
"WE ARE OBLIGED TO ACCOMPANY THE MOST QUALIFIED TRAVELERS AND MAKE ALL KINDS OF EFFORT TO MAXIMIZE THE SAFETY OF THIS VOYAGE".

...HE PARTICULARLY HATES RUDE PEOPLE.

AS FOR THE NEW WORLD'S GATE-KEEPER...






WELL, THEY USED TO BE.
THEY'RE ALL HUMANS.
IS ALL THIS ...
WHAT ...
WHAT'S... IN IT?
OH...
IT'S A COPY SO FEEL FREE TO MAKE NOTES IN IT.
YOUR JOB IS TO READ AND MEMORIZE EVERY LAST WORD OF THIS BOOK.
AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION IT WAS PUT IN THE FICTION SECTION. BUT NOW, IT'S FACTUAL DOCUMENTATION.
A BOOK CALLED "JOURNEY TO THE NEW WORLD" WAS PUBLISHED MANY CENTURIES AGO, WE THOUGHT IT WAS SIMPLY THE WILD DELUSIONS OF A MADMAN.
...AND IT'S OUR CURRENT PROGRESS.
THE PRICE HUMANITY PAID FOR STEPPING INTO THE NEW WORLD.

THE THING IS, ALL OF THESE CORPSES WERE FOUND IN "THIS WORLD".

THAT BOOK DESCRIBES THOSE WHO WENT TO THE NEW WORLD AND MET THEIR DEMISE BY BEING WRUNG TO DEATH.

YOU SAW ALL THOSE PEOPLE THAT WERE TWISTED UP LIKE TOWELS, RIGHT?

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FROM OUR GROUPS AND PEOPLE CLOSE TO US, THEY ALL SUGGESTED THEY WERE THEORIES ABOUT THE MAFIA.

WE HAVE NONE AND THAT IS WHAT IS TROUBLING US.

WHAT ABOUT THE VICTIM'S RECORD FROM THE VOYAGE TO THE NEW WORLD?

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IN A WAY, I REALLY HOPED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT CASE.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH EASIER IF THEY WERE ALL ON DRUGS.

THE WITNESSES WERE DOCTORS, TEACHERS, PASTORS, AND POLICE MEN...

SUDDENLY, SOME SAID "THEY STARTED TWISTING UP" RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES.

COUNTLESS EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY WERE DISMISSED AS THEORIES.

MAKE SURE TO IDENTIFY ALL THE RISKS OF TRAVELING TO THIS NEW WORLD.

READ THAT BOOK PAGE BY PAGE AND HAVE A REPORT BY NEXT WEEK.

ANY-WAYS.

HE'S A LONE SURVIVOR FROM THE VOYAGE IN "THIS ROOM", HE ISN'T HUMAN ANYMORE.
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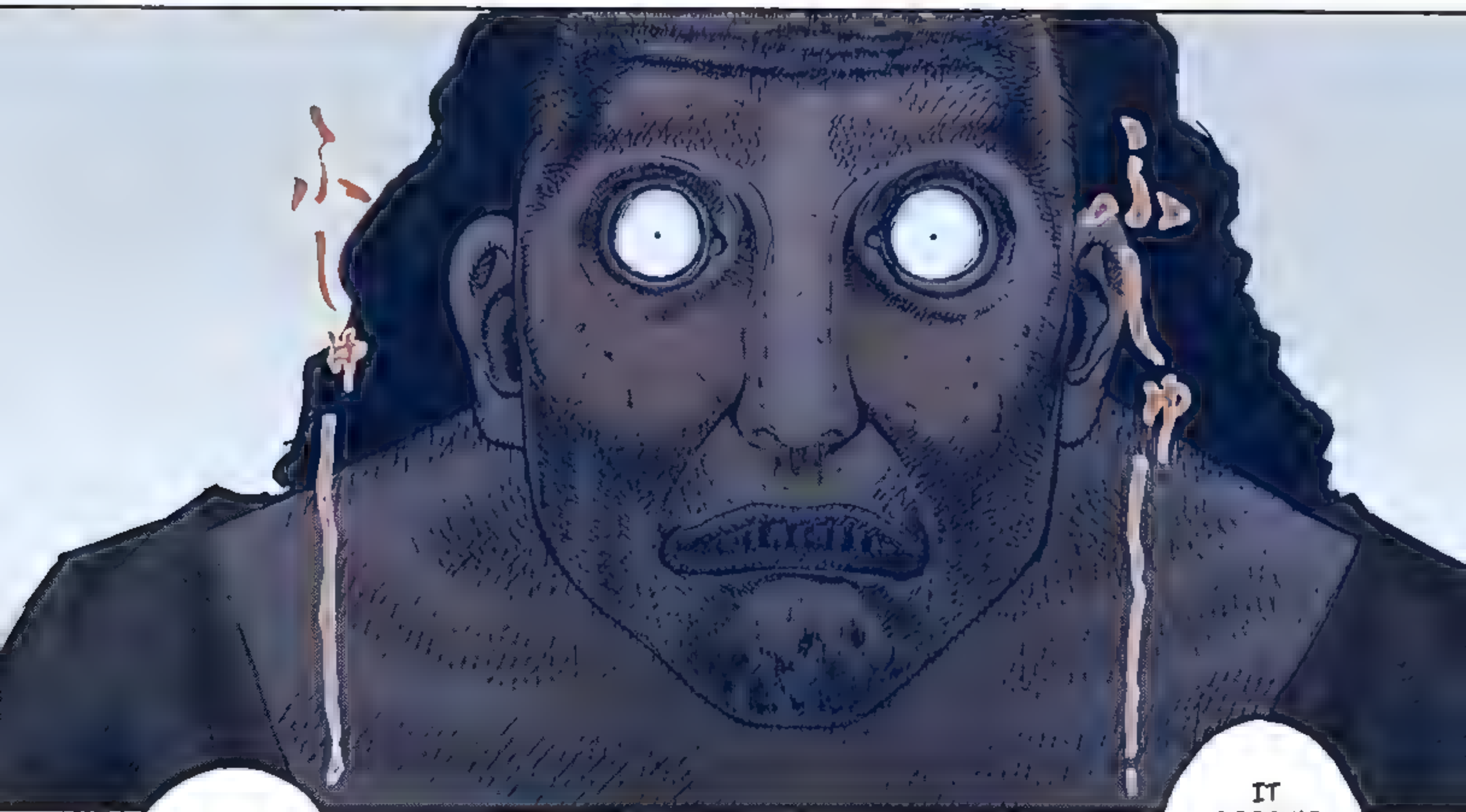
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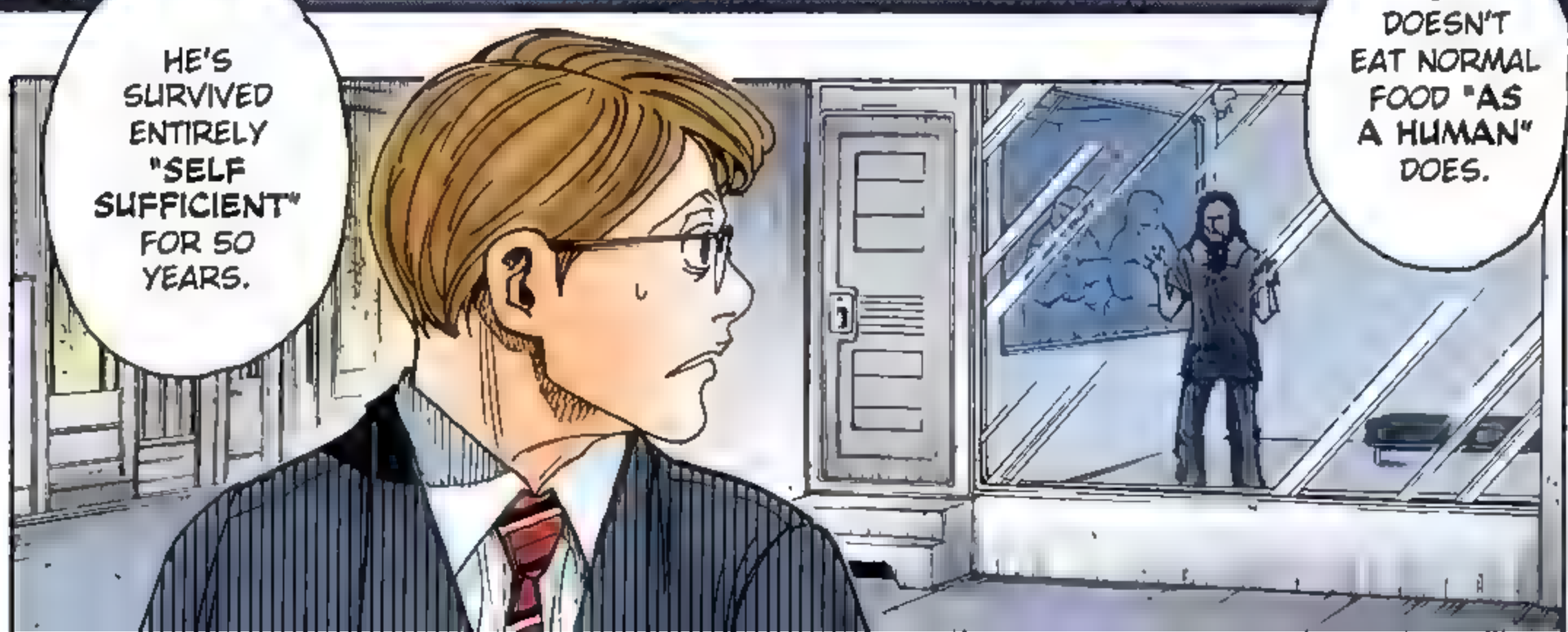
HE'S SURVIVED ENTIRELY "SELF SUFFICIENT" FOR 50 YEARS.
IT DOESN'T EAT NORMAL FOOD "AS A HUMAN" DOES.

SIMPLY PUT, EVERYTIME WE DECIDE TO TAKE UP A CHALLENGE TO THIS NEW WORLD, WE HAPPEN TO BRING BACK AN EXTINCTION-LEVEL THREAT.

THE V5 WAS TESTED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS FOR SECRET "COLONIZATION" AFTER THEY FORMED THE PACT TREATY.

THE BEYOND REPORT HAS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS IN THE DOCUMENTS.

IN OTHER WORDS, THAT THING IS UNABLE TO DIE.

FIFTY...

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HE IS WHAT'S LEFT OF A HUNTER WHO EMBARKED INTO THE NEW WORLD.

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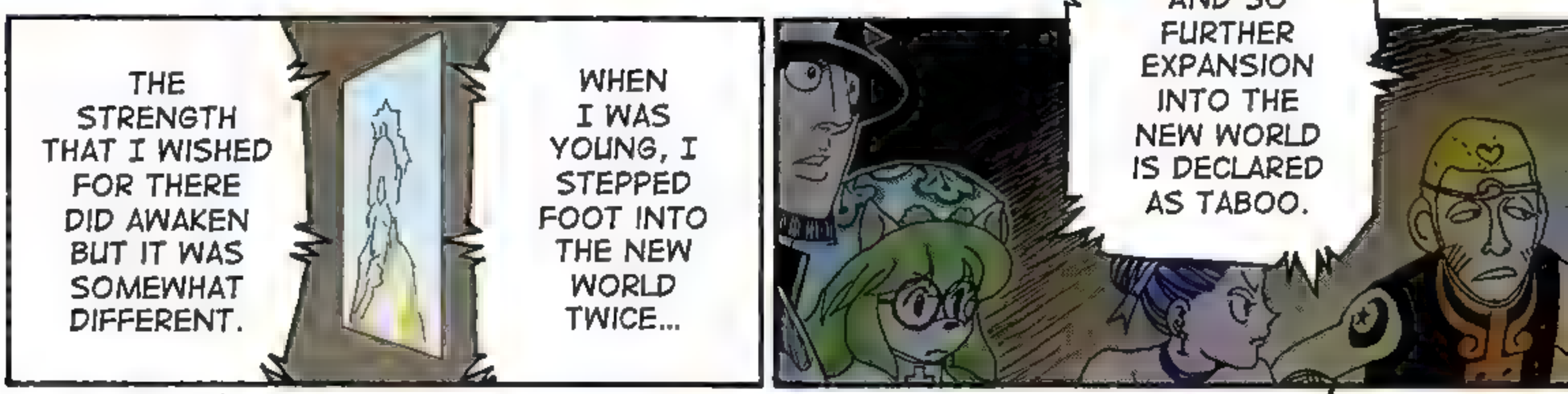
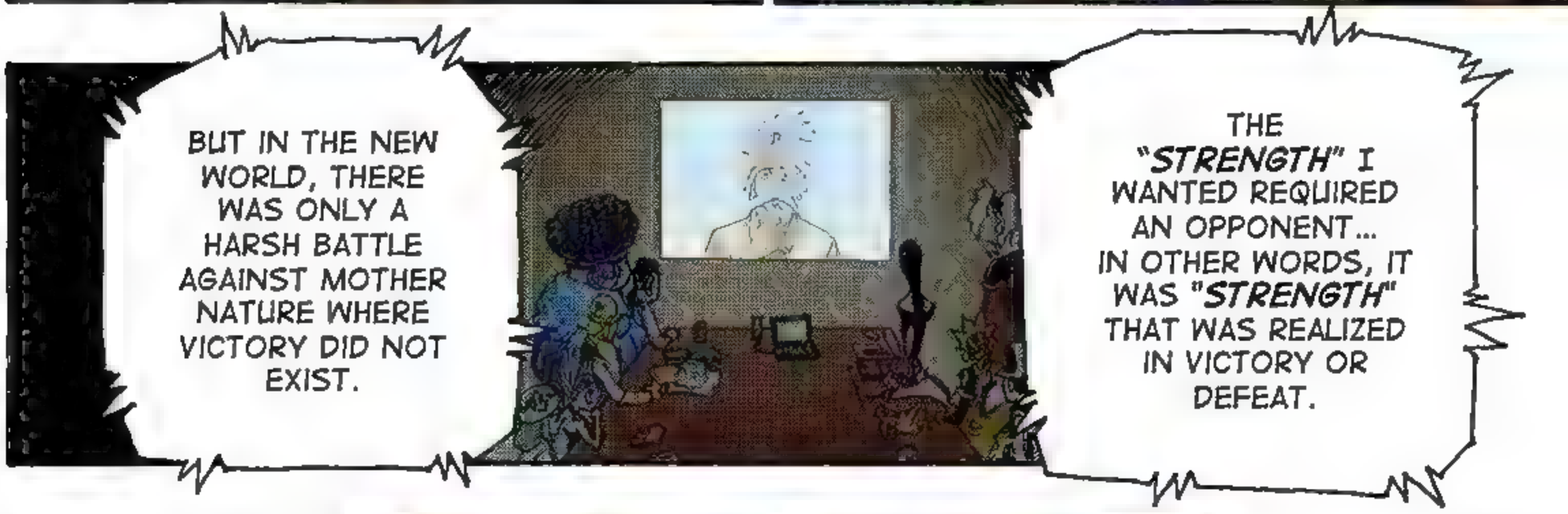
SHOULDERING THE DECISION MAKING FOR THE EXPLORATION WAS MADE BY MY OWN SON, BEYOND.

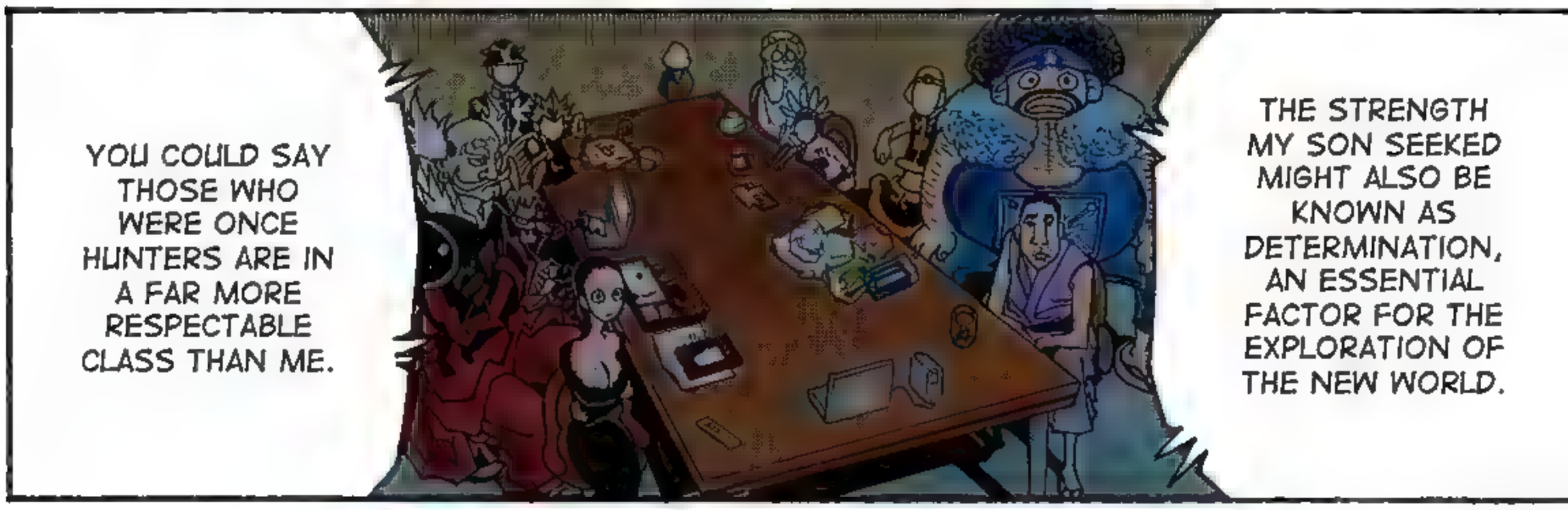
DURING THE TIME OF V5, WHILE ORGANIZATIONS WERE FORMED FOR POLITICAL REASONS, THE ORIGINAL HUNTER ASSOCIATION WAS CREATED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND SENT OFF INTO THE NEW WORLD.

MY SON WANTED TO GO BACK AND CHALLENGE IT AGAIN, BUT I FORBADE IT UNTIL MY DEATH.

WITHOUT HEEDING TO MY WARNINGS, THEY TOOK AN UNEXPLORED ROUTE AND THIS IS THE RESULT... COUNTLESS VICTIMS RETURNED AND A NEW CALAMITY HAD OCCURRED.







I WANT YOU ALL TO SUCCESSFULLY LEAD IN OUR EXPLORATION TO THE DARK CONTINENT BEFORE MY SON!!

NOW, LET'S GET TO THE MESSAGE I'M TRYING TO CONVEY!

THE DIFFICULTY RATING FOR THIS IS AN UNDISPUTED A!!

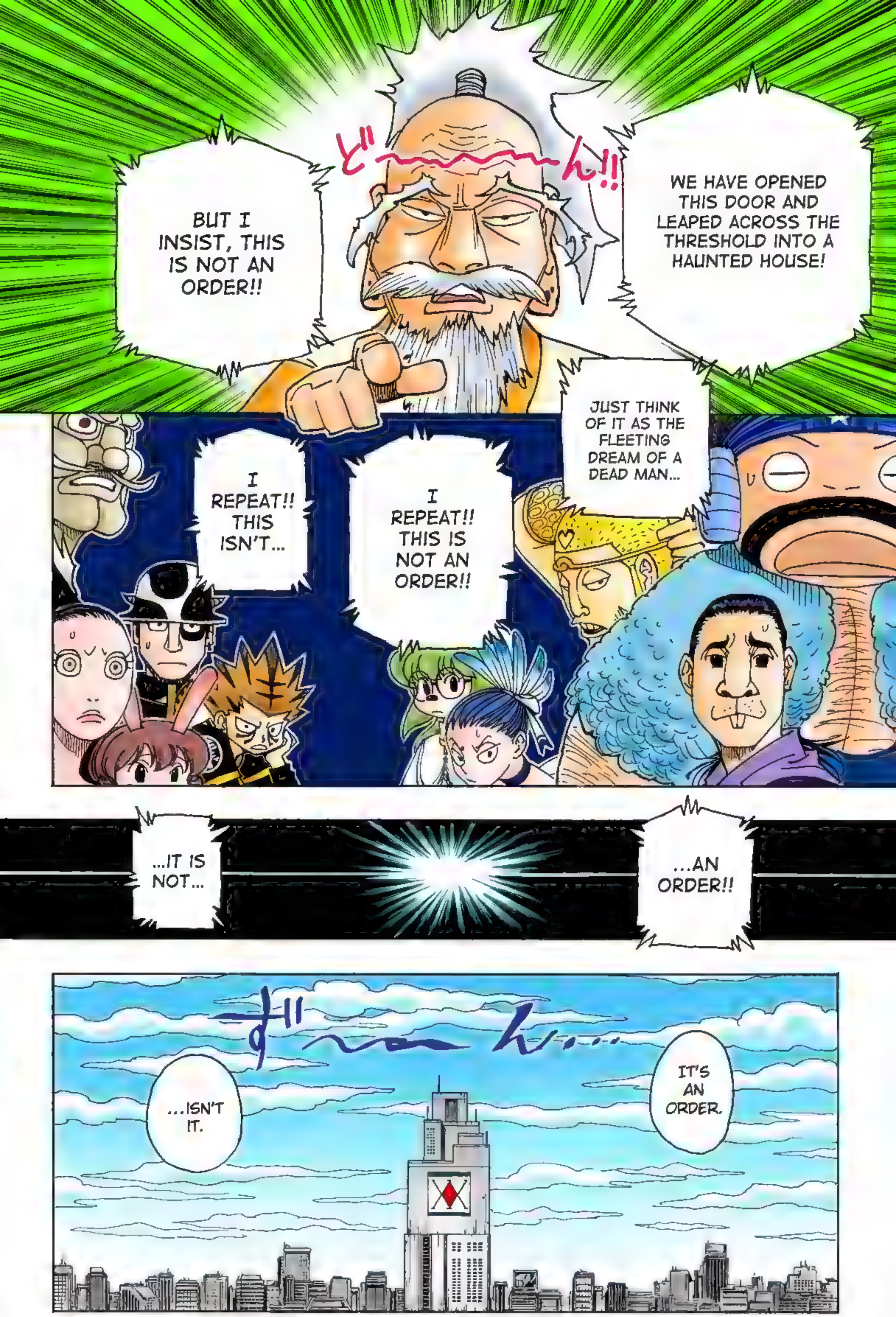
OVERCOME ANY "*DISASTERS*" THAT WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR US TO ACHIEVE ANY KIND RETURN WITH "*HOPE*".

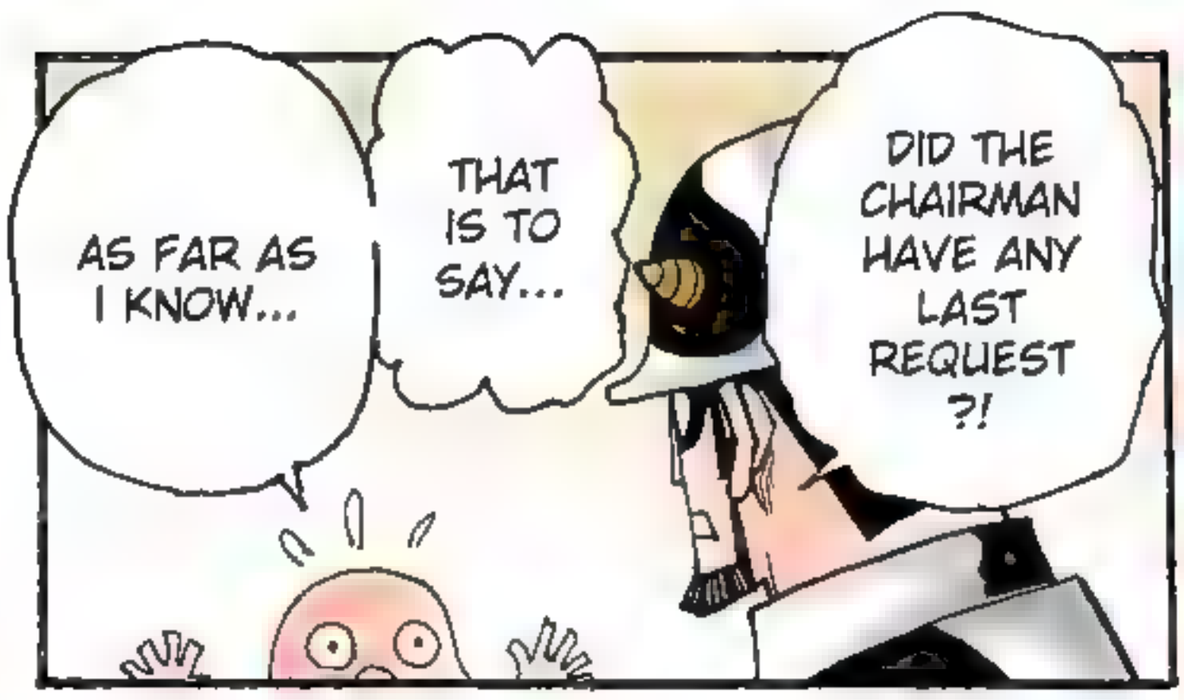
SURROUNDING THE IDEA THAT WE'LL BE IN A GREAT DEGREE OF RISK, THIS IS A DILEMMA THAT OUR ASSOCIATION IS FACING...!

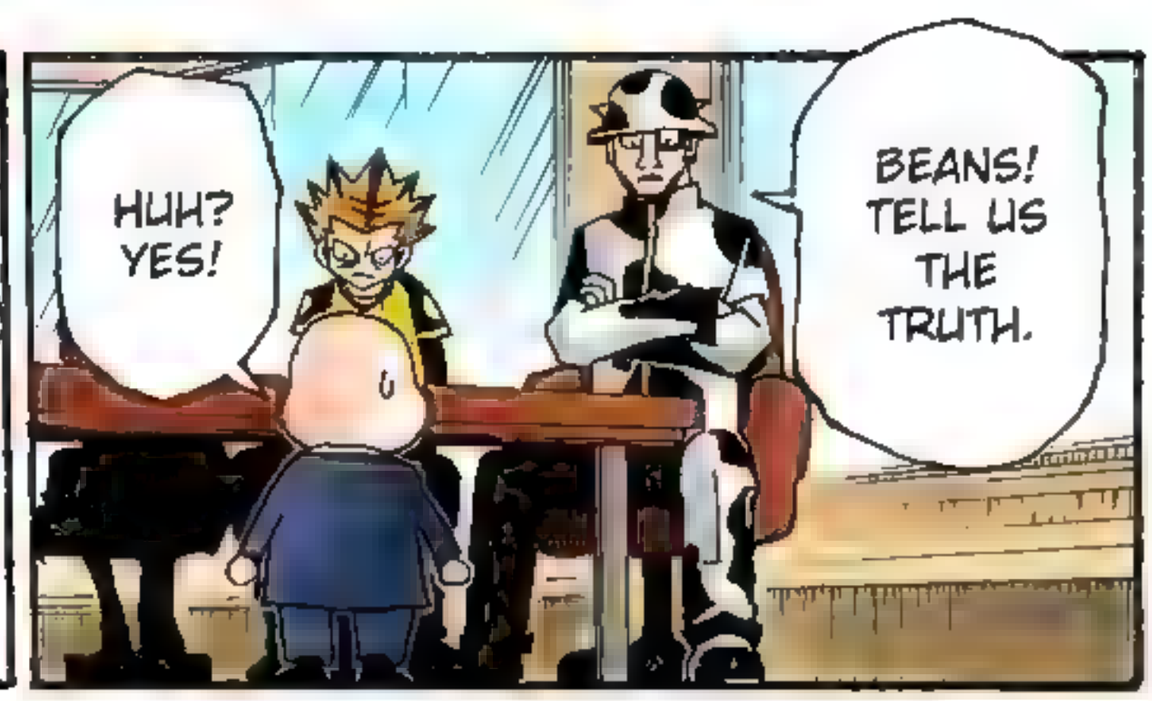
THIS WILL BE A HIGH REWARD VENTURE, BUT...

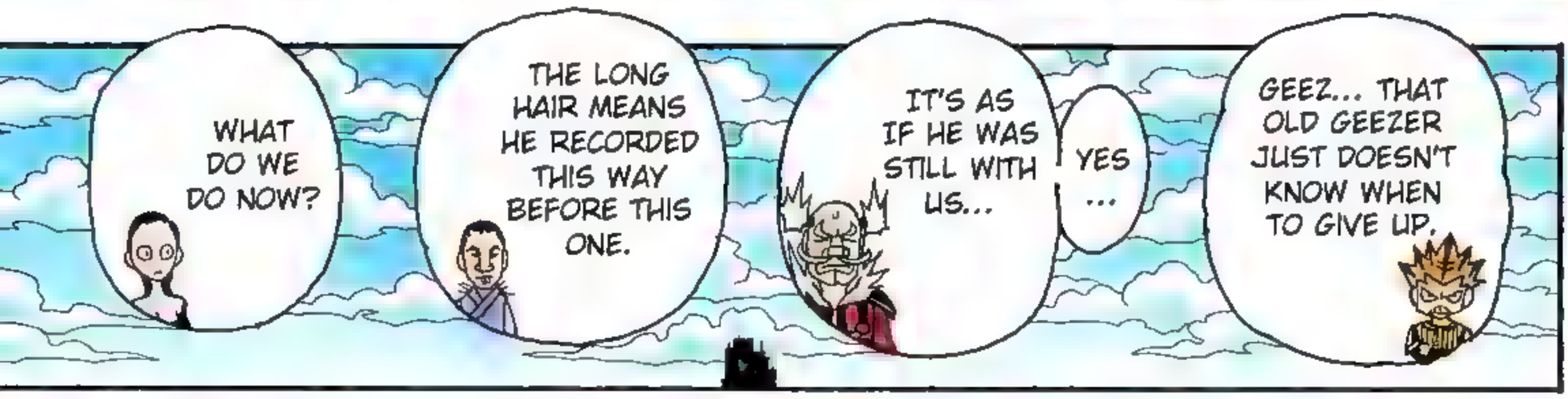
WHAT I WANT IS FOR THE ASSOCIATION TO RECRUIT THE BEST PIONEERS TO FACE OFF AGAINST THE STRANGE AND UNKNOWN DIFFICULTIES.

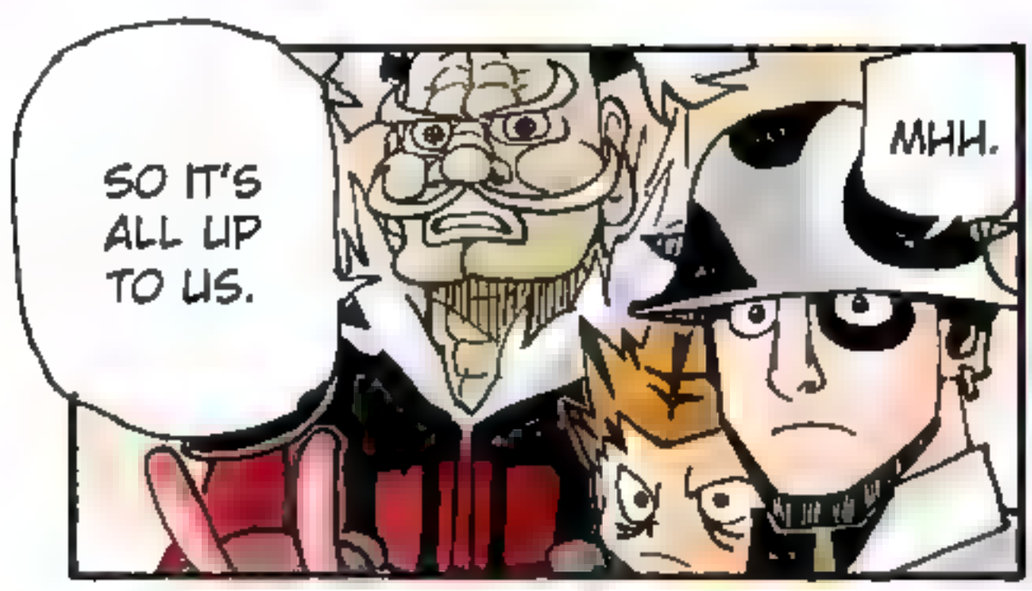
HOWEVER THIS IS NOT AN ORDER, I CAN ONLY MAKE IT A REQUEST.


BUT I INSIST, THIS IS NOT AN ORDER!!
WE HAVE OPENED THIS DOOR AND LEAPED ACROSS THE THRESHOLD INTO A HAUNTED HOUSE!
JUST THINK OF IT AS THE FLEETING DREAM OF A DEAD MAN...
I REPEAT!! THIS ISN'T...
I REPEAT!! THIS IS NOT AN ORDER!!
...IT IS NOT...
...AN ORDER!!
...ISN'T IT.
IT'S AN ORDER.

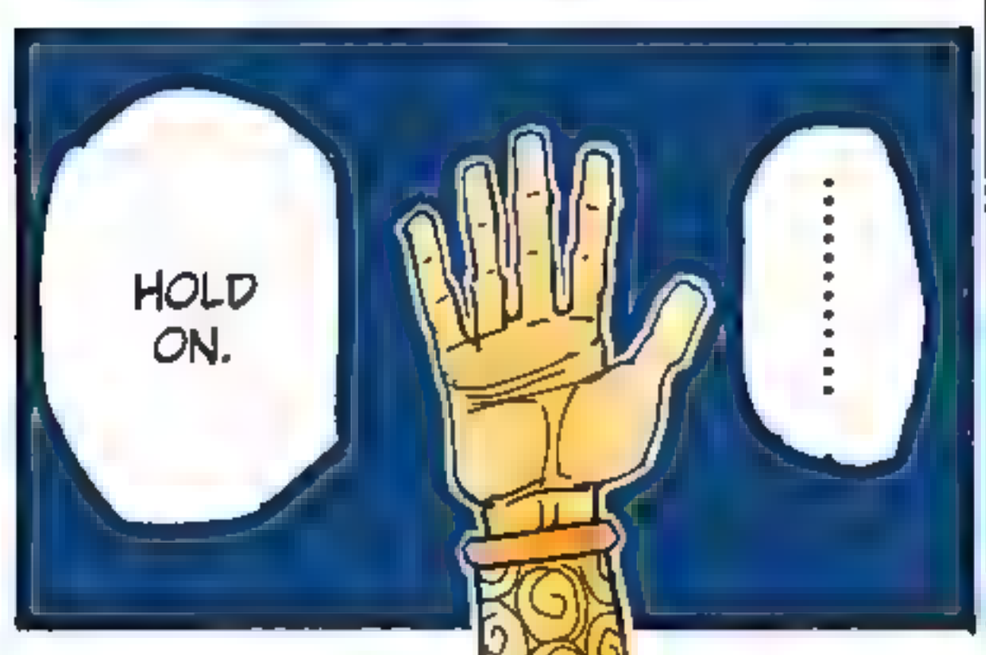

AS FAR AS I KNOW...
THAT IS TO SAY...
DID THE CHAIRMAN HAVE ANY LAST REQUEST ?!


HUH? YES!
BEANS! TELL US THE TRUTH.


WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
THE LONG HAIR MEANS HE RECORDED THIS WAY BEFORE THIS ONE.
IT'S AS IF HE WAS STILL WITH US...
YES ...
GEEZ... THAT OLD GEEZER JUST DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP.


SO IT'S ALL UP TO US.
MHH.

BUT...
THE CHAIRMAN SAID "THIS IS NOT AN ORDER" AND WE CAN'T GET OTHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERS INVOLVED.
SINCE IT WAS AN ORDER, THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.


HOLD ON.
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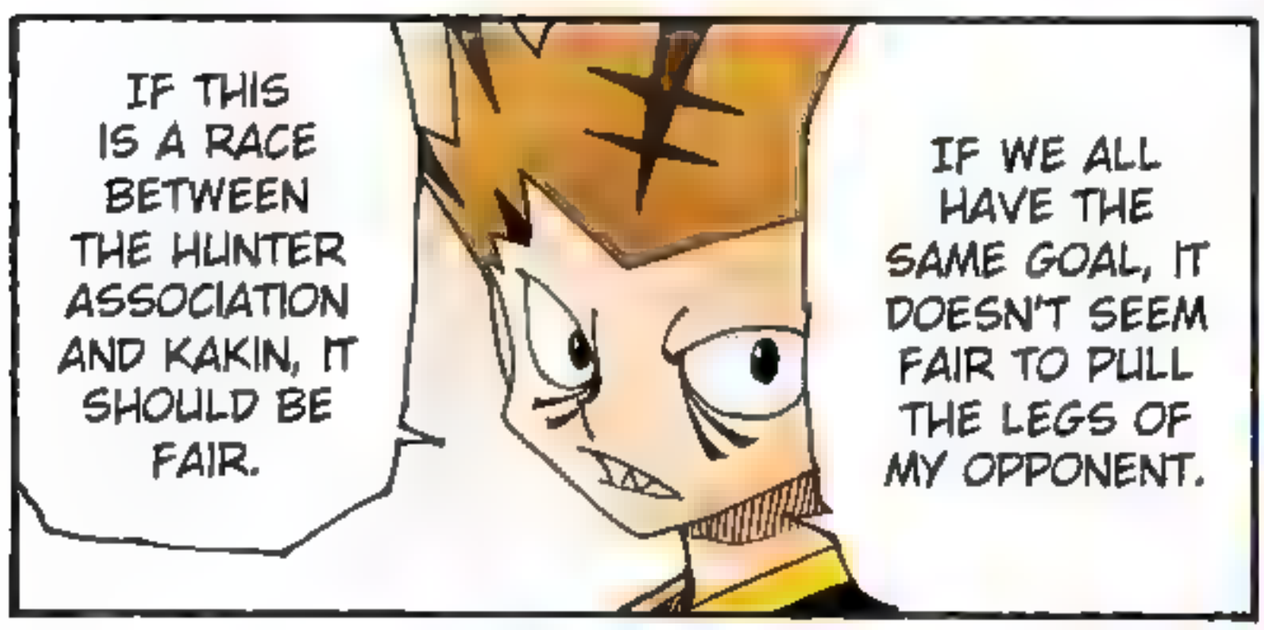
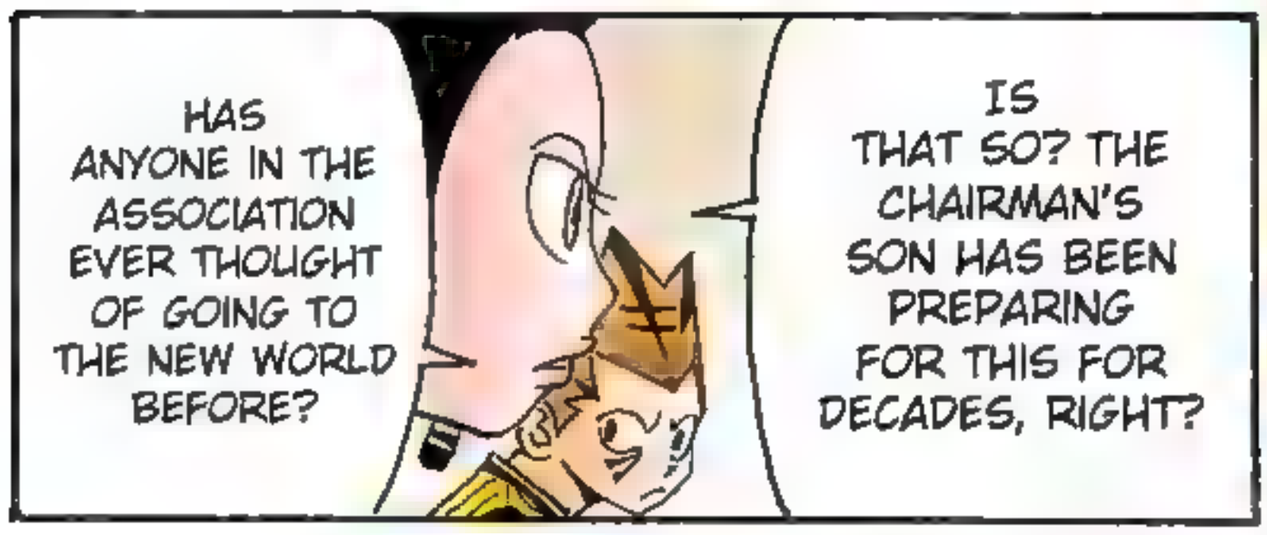
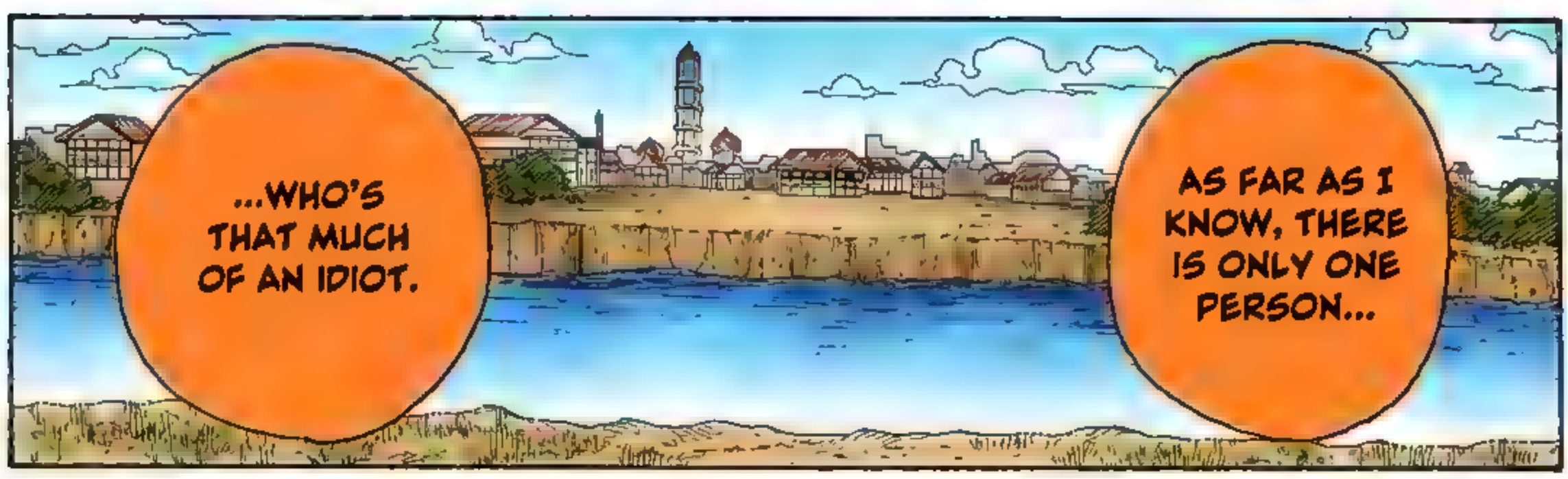
BUT I AM OPPOSED WITH HUNTING DOWN BEYOND.
SINCE GOING TO THE DARK CONTINENT DOESN'T AFFECT US, I DON'T MIND GOING.


IF THIS IS A RACE BETWEEN THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION AND KAKIN, IT SHOULD BE FAIR.
IF WE ALL HAVE THE SAME GOAL, IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR TO PULL THE LEGS OF MY OPPONENT.


HAS ANYONE IN THE ASSOCIATION EVER THOUGHT OF GOING TO THE NEW WORLD BEFORE?
IS THAT SO? THE CHAIRMAN'S SON HAS BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS FOR DECADES, RIGHT?

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF SOLVING PROBLEMS THAT WAY.
HE'S A TWISTED MAN.
ANY REASONS? ↓ MONKEY.


...WHO'S THAT MUCH OF AN IDIOT.
AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON...

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WE'RE NOT AT THE SAME STARTING LINE AS BEYOND.

IT'S NOT FAIR AT ALL FOR US.

BUT HE'S ALREADY LEFT. EVEN IF YOU TALK TO HIM, I DOUBT HE'LL AGREE.

IF GING WILL COOPERATE, I'LL COME TOO, EVEN IF I'M NOT VERY FOND OF IT.

BEFORE MAKING SUCH DECISIONS, SHOULDN'T WE FIRST OBTAIN THE V5'S APPROVAL?

OH YEAH?

IS THAT OK ...?

IN-CON ...?

HUH?

AS HUNTERS, IT'S OUR DUTY TO DO THIS! THERE'S NO INCONGRUENCE TO THE CHAIRMAN'S ORDERS, KANZAI'S AND SAIYU'S VIEWS ARE JUST PURE SENTIMENTALITY!

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YOU FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!! ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU PLACE YOUR POLITICAL BELIEFS BEFORE THE WILL OF THE CHAIRMAN?

BUT WE CAN REVEAL OUR INTENTIONS THROUGH OUR ACTIONS.

THIS ISN'T A DECISION THAT AN INDEPENDENT GROUP CAN AFFORD TO MAKE!

THIS IS NOT A DECISION THAT ONLY 5 COUNTRIES CAN MAKE.

EVEN IF IT'S ABOUT BENEFITING HUMANITY, IN REALITY, IT IS NEITHER MORE NOR LESS THAN TO PLUNDER NATURAL RESOURCES.

WHAT? BUT WHAT'S THIS ALL HAVE TO DO THE HUNTERS?

IF WE'RE FACED WITH DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR AND RIOTS HAPPEN, THE ASSOCIATION WILL LIKELY MAKE IT AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. ↓ SNAKE.

CAN YOU TWO KEEP IT DOWN? WE HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD THE REASONS FOR THE HUNT. SO CHEADLE?

SORRY, I DIDN'T HEAR A THING...

IT'S A DIFFICULT ISSUE, I ADMIT, BUT LET'S TRY TO FIND AN AGREEMENT.

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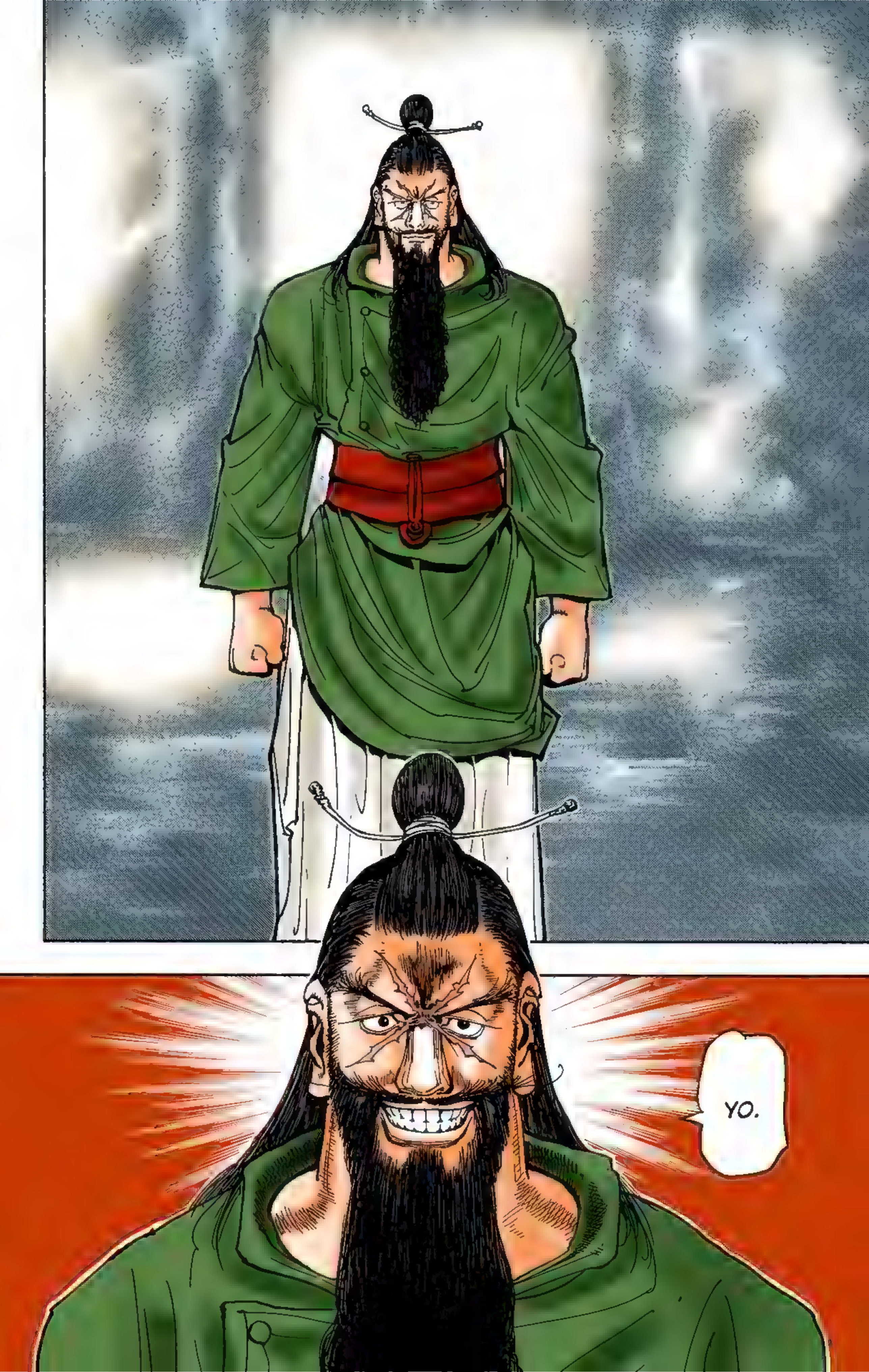
YES?


YO.

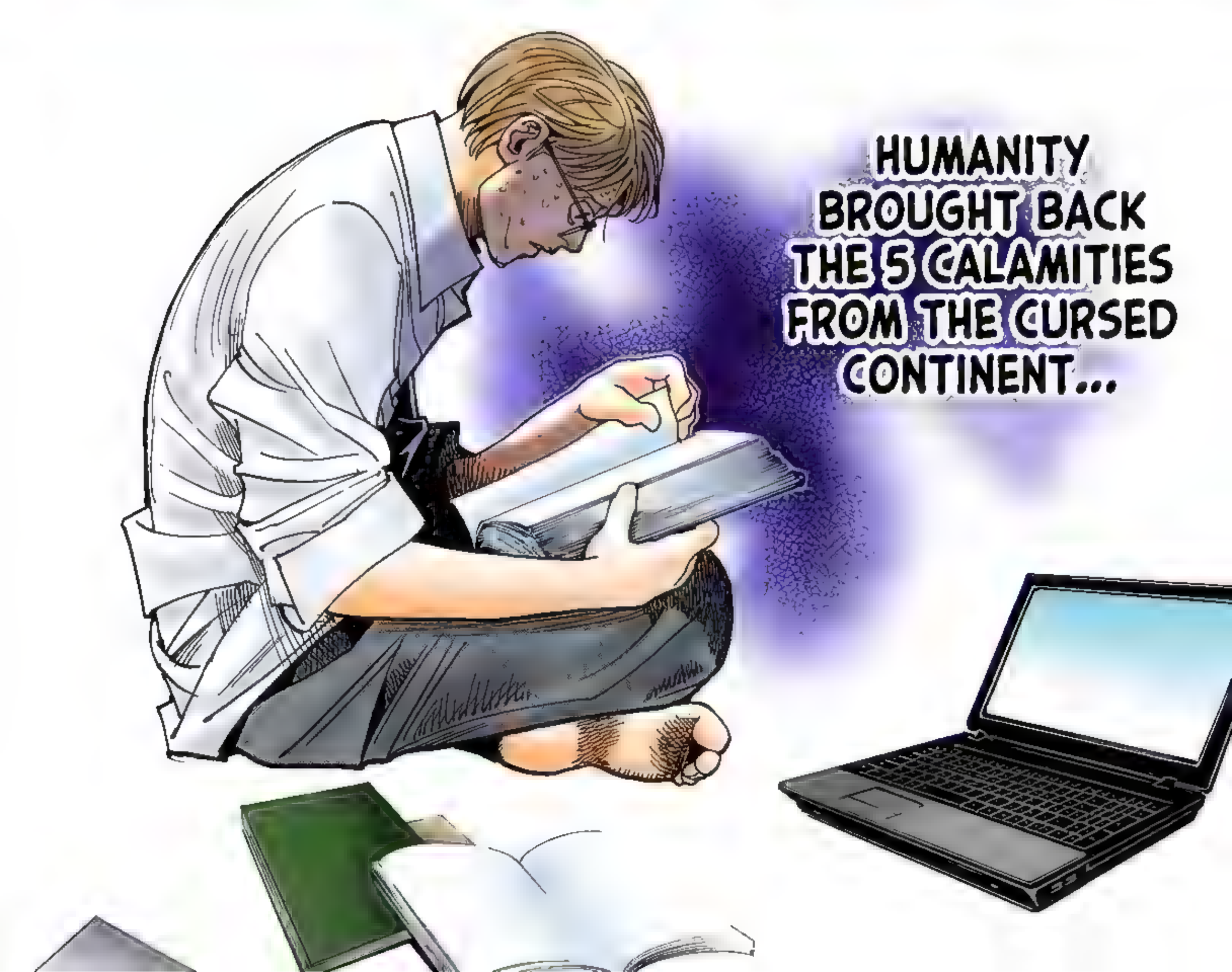
CAN YOU CONTACT THE VS FOR ME?

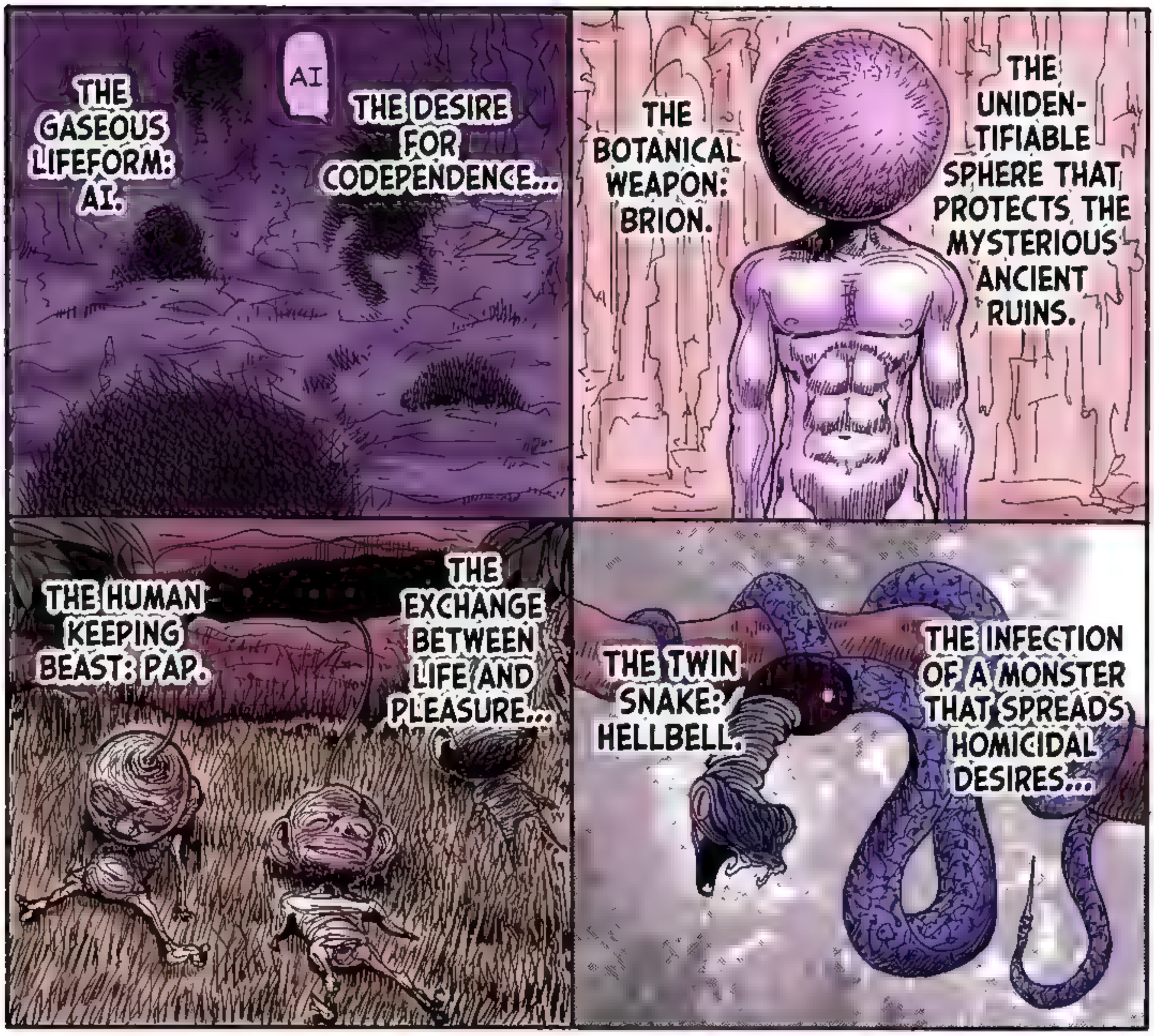
I IMAGINE THAT THESE ARE THE ZODIACS.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BEANS.

SAY THAT "YOU'VE CAPTURED BEYOND NETERO".

LET'S CALL IT A GIVE AND TAKE, SHALL WE?




THE GASEOUS LIFEFORM: AI.
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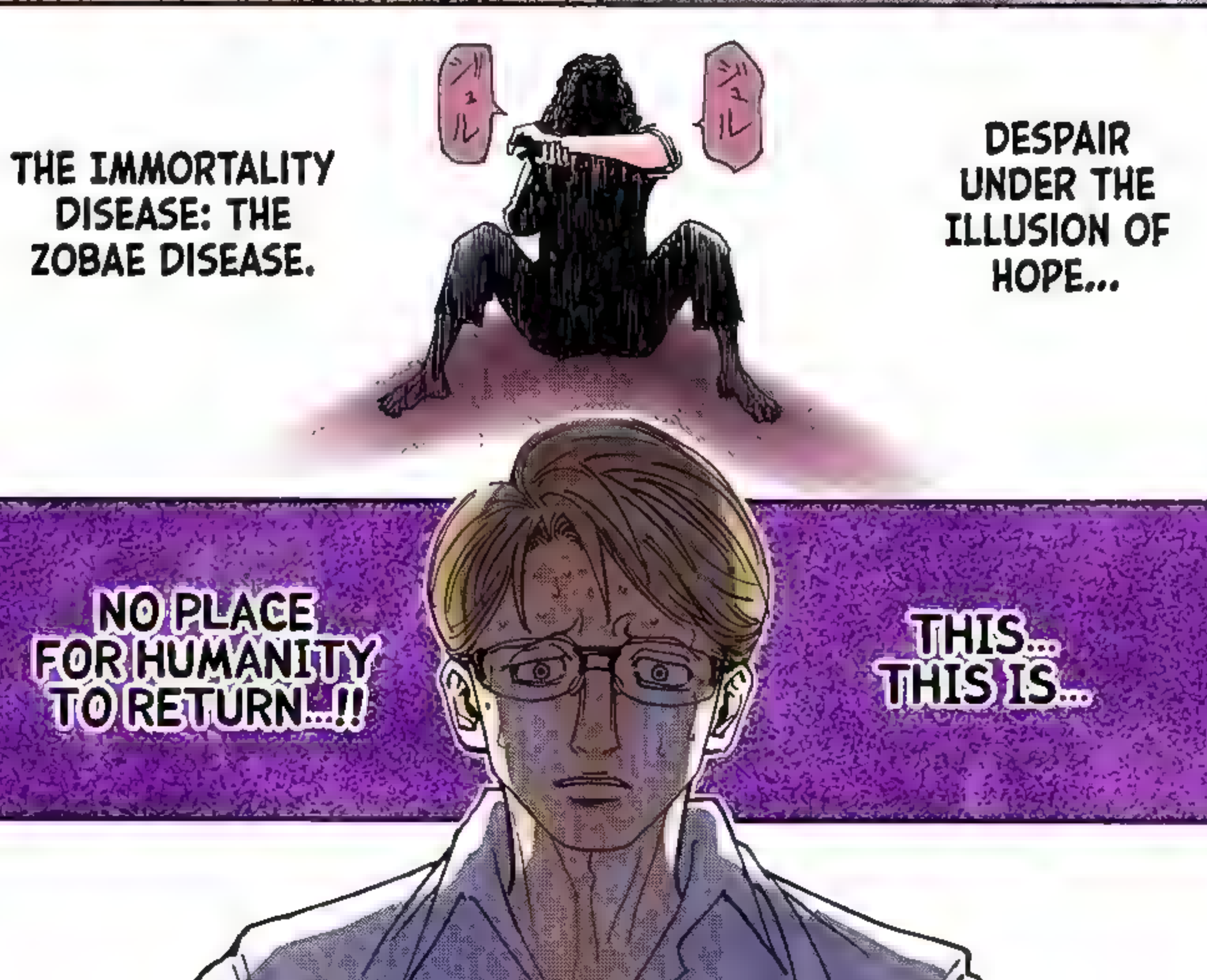
THE DESIRE FOR CODEPENDENCE...
THE BOTANICAL WEAPON: BRION.
THE UNIDENTIFIABLE SPHERE THAT PROTECTS THE MYSTERIOUS ANCIENT RUINS.
THE HUMAN KEEPING BEAST: PAP.
THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN LIFE AND PLEASURE...
THE TWIN SNAKE: HELLBELL.
THE INFECTION OF A MONSTER THAT SPREADS HOMICIDAL DESIRES...


THE IMMORTALITY DISEASE: THE ZOBAE DISEASE.
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DESPAIR UNDER THE ILLUSION OF HOPE...
NO PLACE FOR HUMANITY TO RETURN...!!
THIS... THIS IS...

I COME FROM THE DARK CONTINENT.
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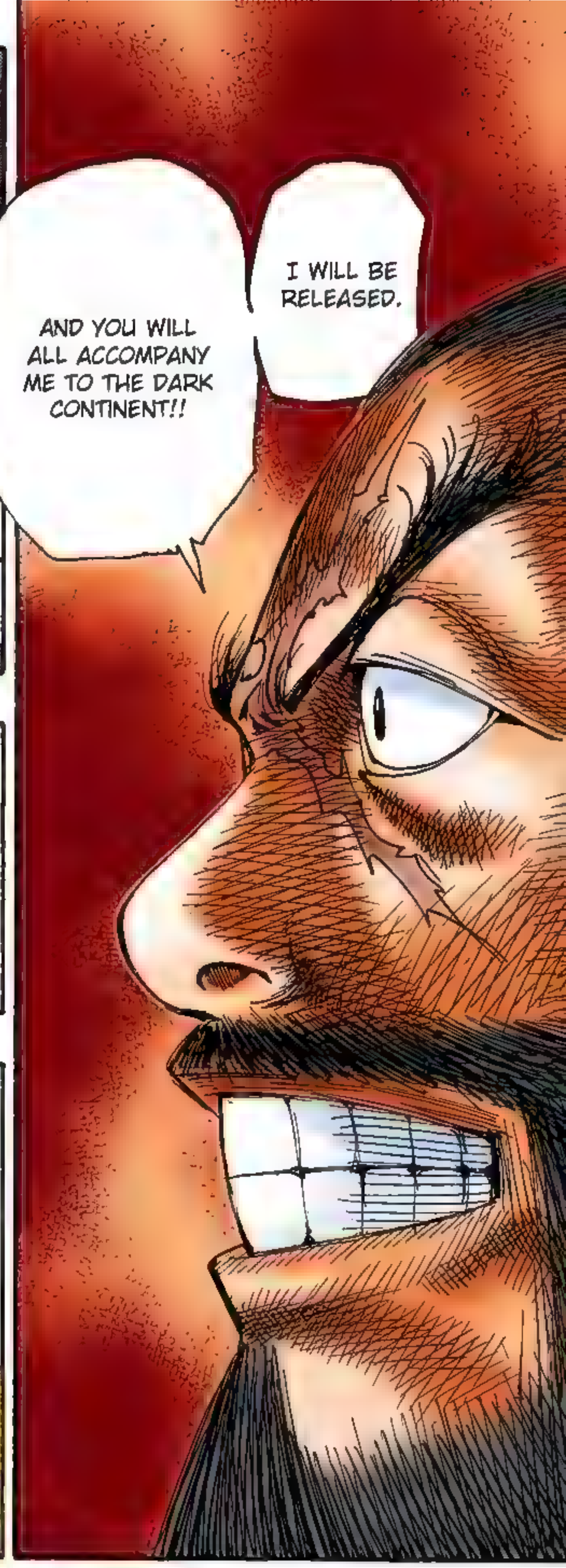
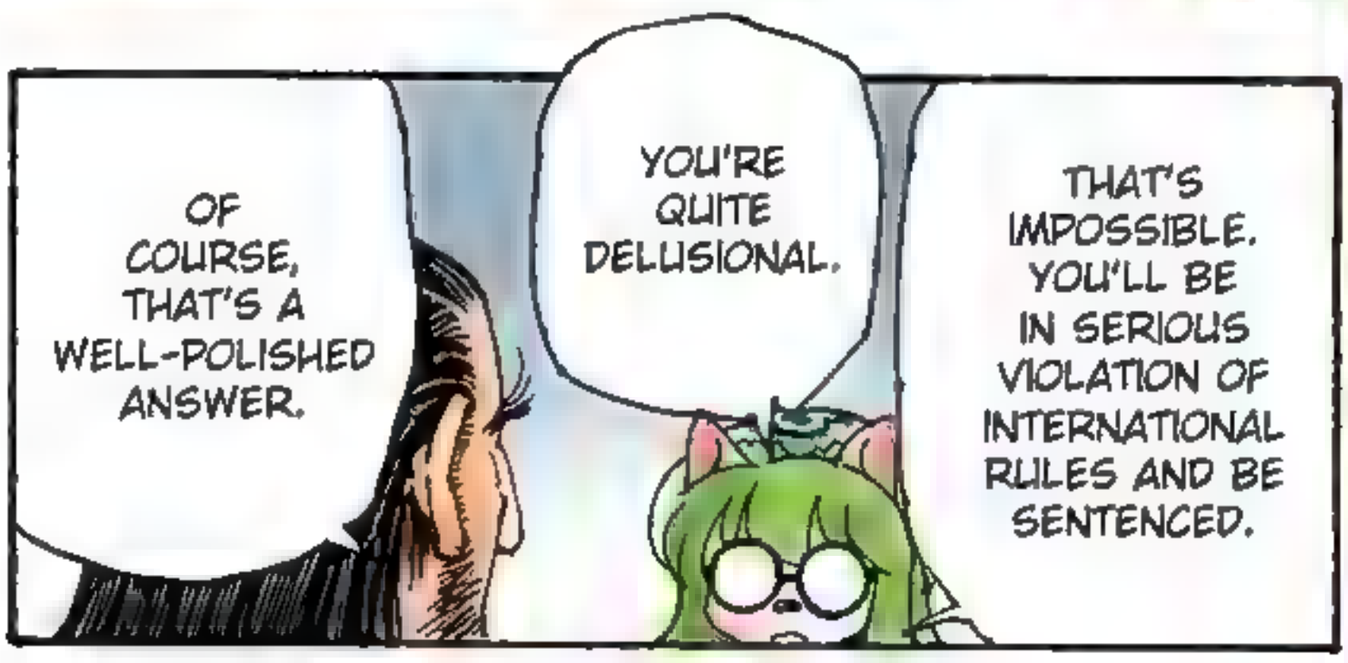
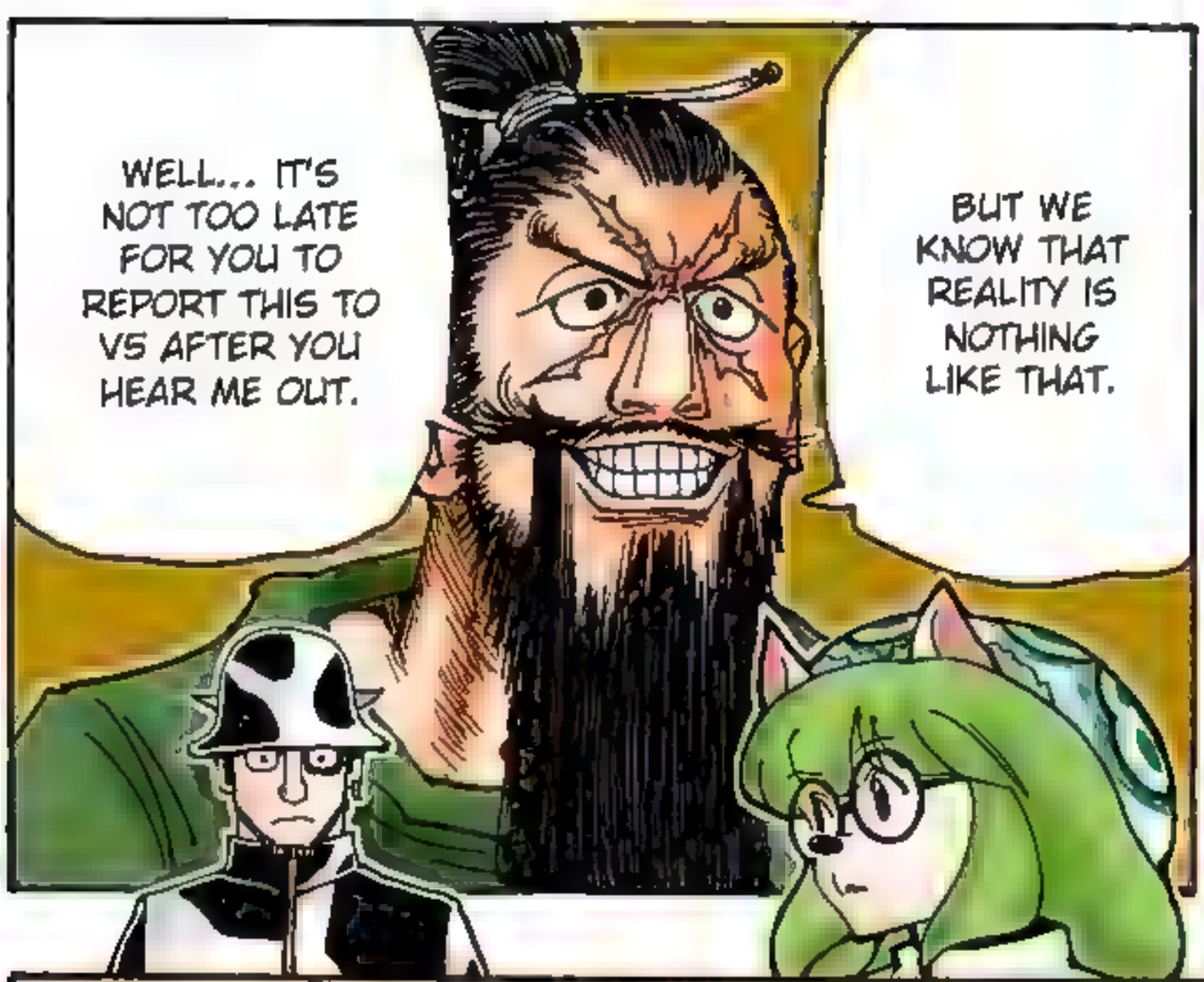

I WILL BE RELEASED.
AND YOU WILL ALL ACCOMPANY ME TO THE DARK CONTINENT!!


OF COURSE, THAT'S A WELL-POLISHED ANSWER.
YOU'RE QUITE DELUSIONAL.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. YOU'LL BE IN SERIOUS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL RULES AND BE SENTENCED.


WELL... IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO REPORT THIS TO VS AFTER YOU HEAR ME OUT.
BUT WE KNOW THAT REALITY IS NOTHING LIKE THAT.

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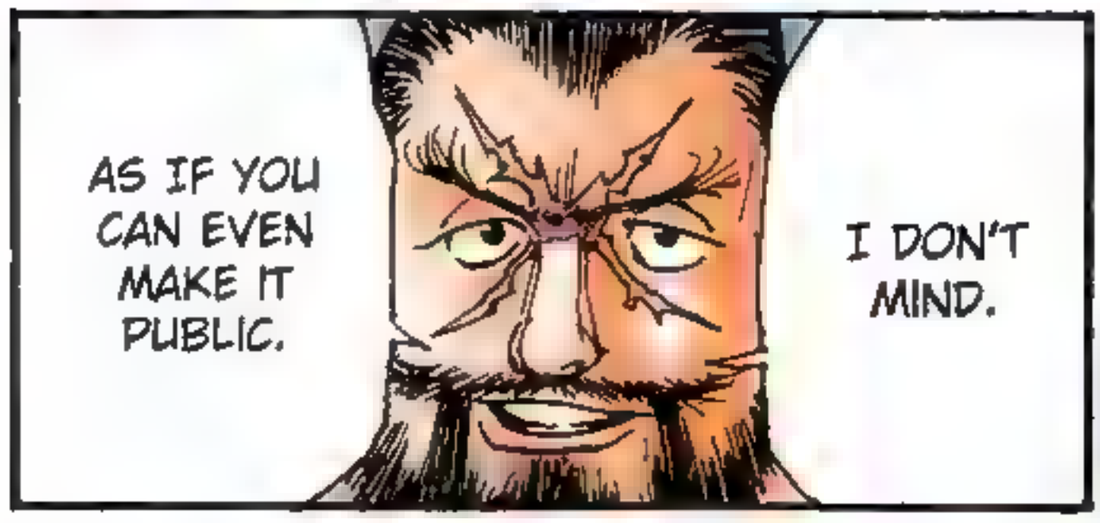
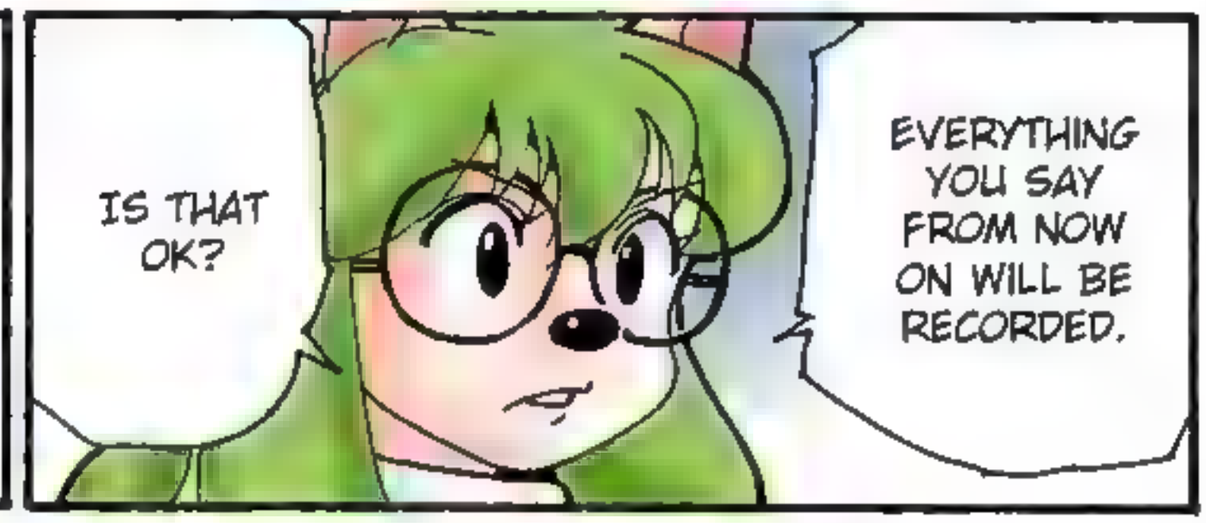
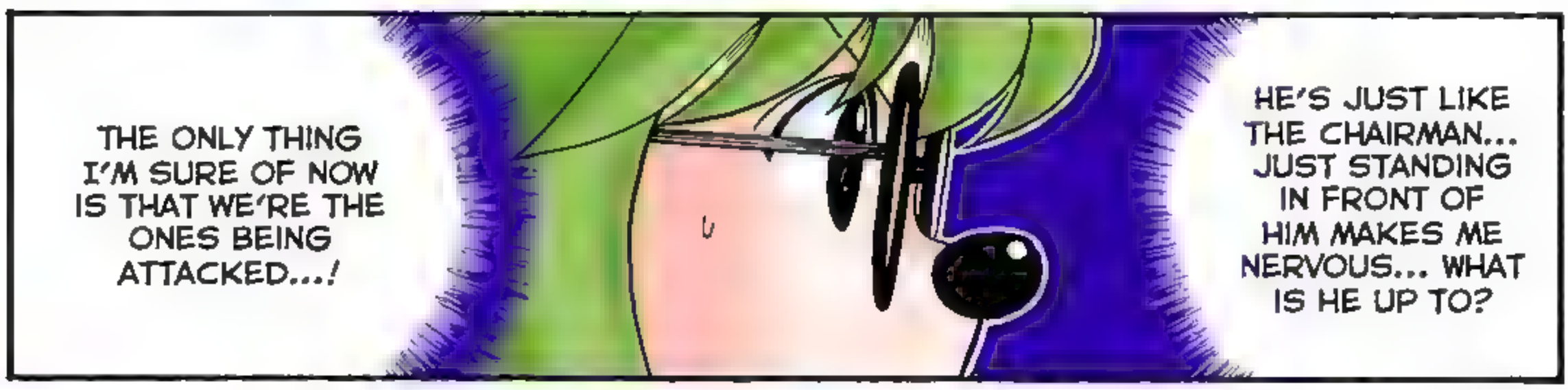
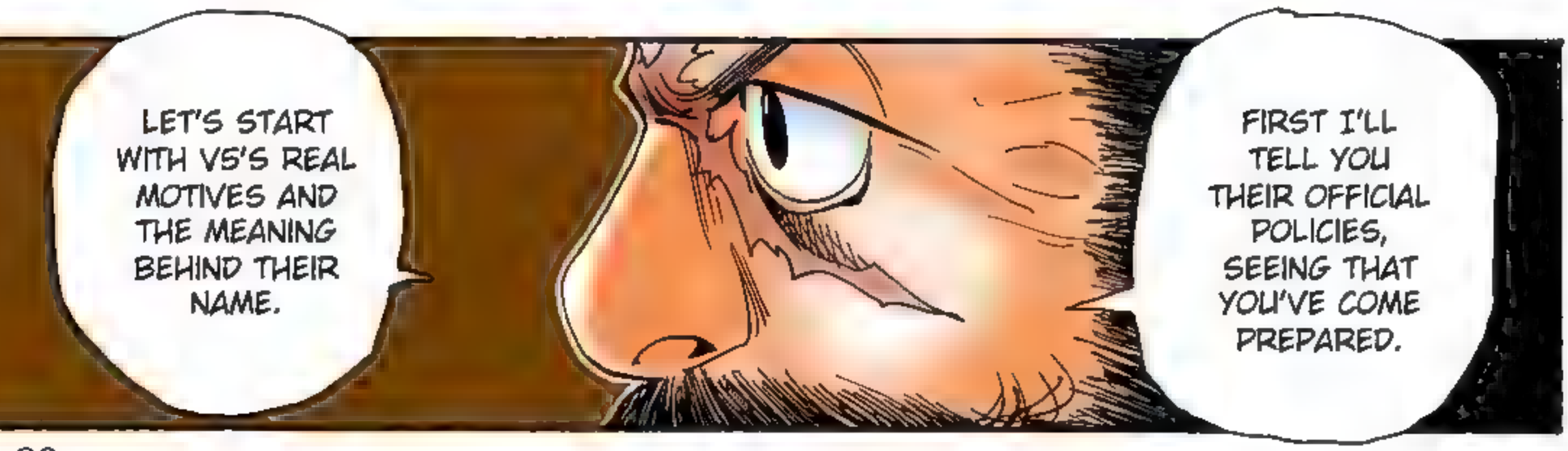
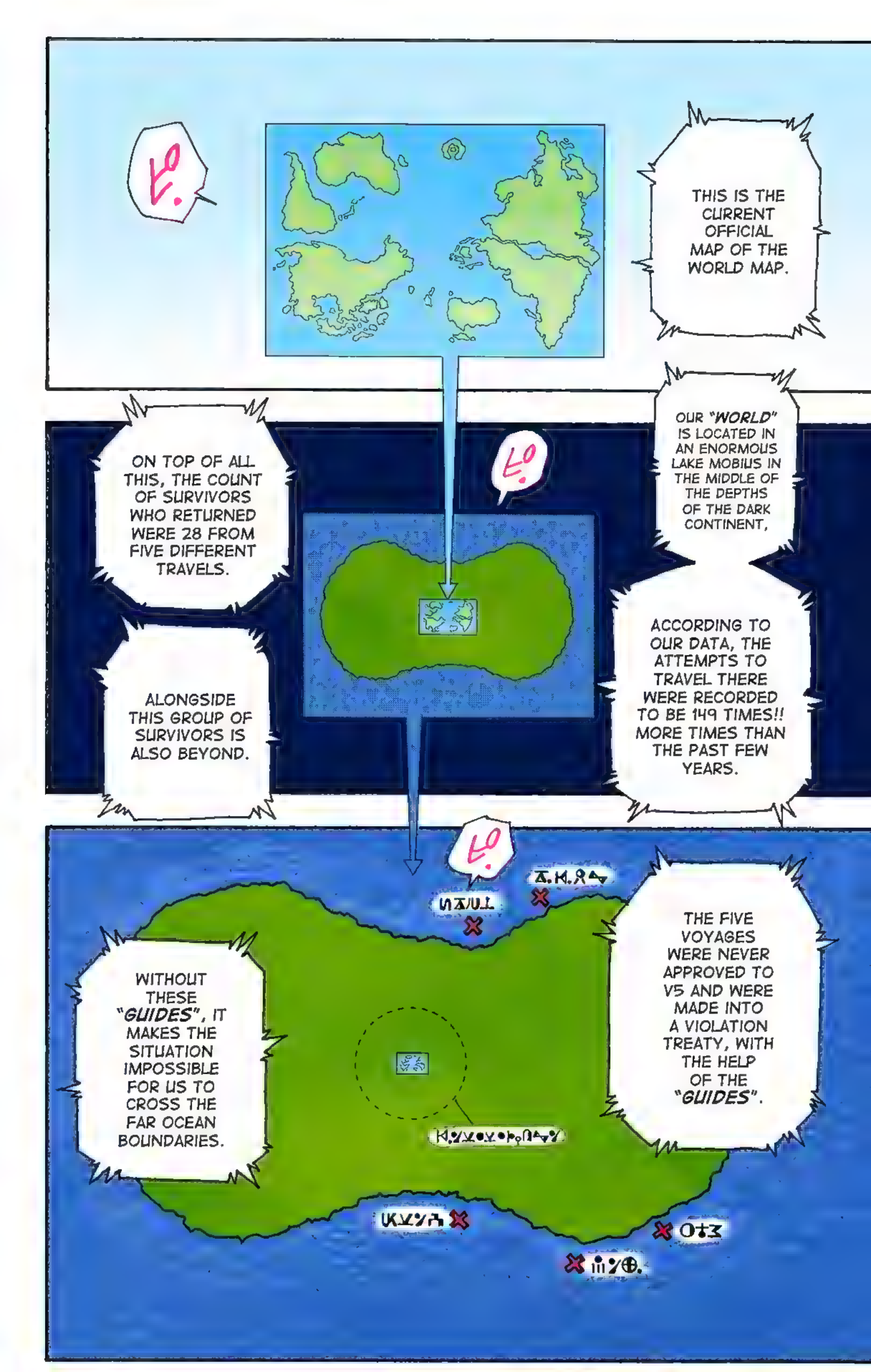

AS IF YOU CAN EVEN MAKE IT PUBLIC.
I DON'T MIND.


IS THAT OK?
EVERYTHING YOU SAY FROM NOW ON WILL BE RECORDED.


THE ONLY THING I'M SURE OF NOW IS THAT WE'RE THE ONES BEING ATTACKED...!
HE'S JUST LIKE THE CHAIRMAN... JUST STANDING IN FRONT OF HIM MAKES ME NERVOUS... WHAT IS HE UP TO?


LET'S START WITH VS'S REAL MOTIVES AND THE MEANING BEHIND THEIR NAME.
FIRST I'LL TELL YOU THEIR OFFICIAL POLICIES, SEEING THAT YOU'VE COME PREPARED.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THIS IS THE CURRENT OFFICIAL MAP OF THE WORLD MAP.
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OUR "WORLD" IS LOCATED IN AN ENORMOUS LAKE MOBIUS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEPTHS OF THE DARK CONTINENT,
ON TOP OF ALL THIS, THE COUNT OF SURVIVORS WHO RETURNED WERE 28 FROM FIVE DIFFERENT TRAVELS.
ALONGSIDE THIS GROUP OF SURVIVORS IS ALSO BEYOND.
ACCORDING TO OUR DATA, THE ATTEMPTS TO TRAVEL THERE WERE RECORDED TO BE 149 TIMES!! MORE TIMES THAN THE PAST FEW YEARS.
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THE FIVE VOYAGES WERE NEVER APPROVED TO V5 AND WERE MADE INTO A VIOLATION TREATY, WITH THE HELP OF THE "GUIDES".
WITHOUT THESE "GUIDES", IT MAKES THE SITUATION IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO CROSS THE FAR OCEAN BOUNDARIES.

MEANING THEY DIDN'T SUCCEED IN MAKING IT BACK FROM THE DARK CONTINENT ON THEIR OWN!!

NOT OFFI-CIALLY ...

MEANING, MANKIND HAS NEVER MADE IT IN ONE ROUND TRIP SUCCESS-FULLY!!

DESPITE ALL THAT, ONLY THREE OF THEM WENT THROUGH MANY TRIALS TO MAKE IT BACK TO THEIR DAILY LIFE!! THE SURVIVING PERCENT WAS 0.04%.

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EVEN SO, ALL 28 SURVIVORS HAD A STRONG PHYSIQUE AND A GREAT APPEARANCE.

WHICH MEANS THAT IT IS DANGEROUS FOR CIVILIANS TO TRAVEL THERE.

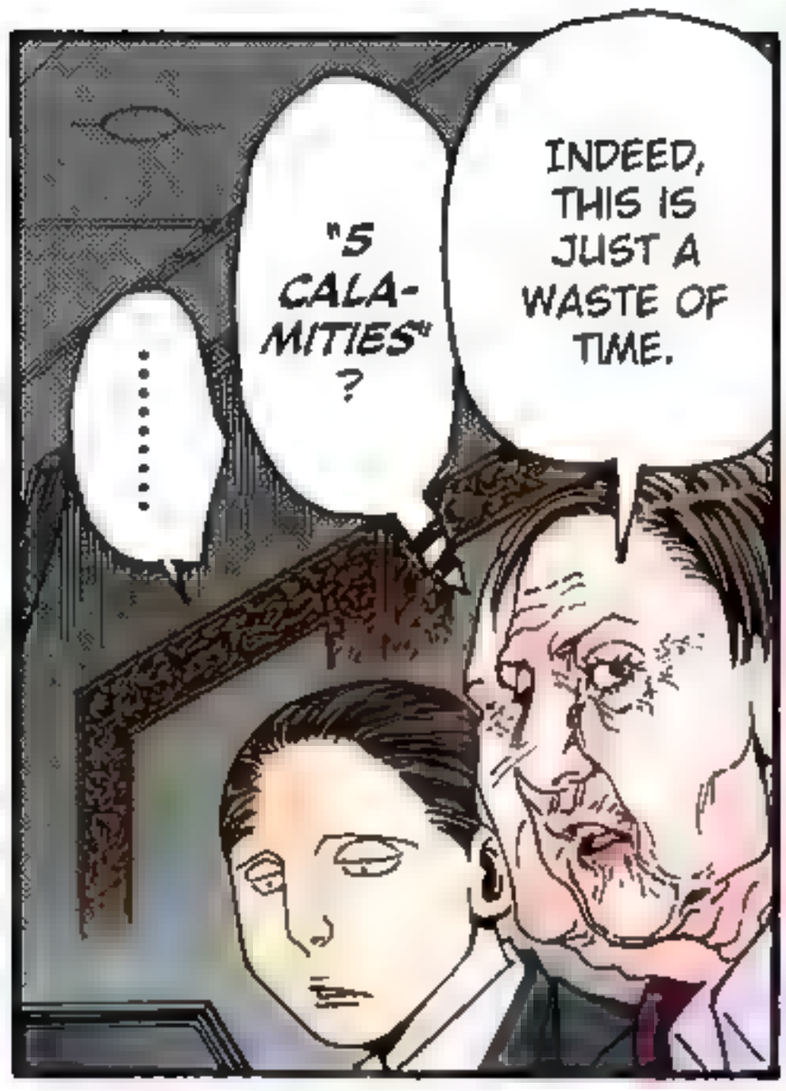
THEY'RE MAGICAL BEASTS WHO SERVE AS OUR MEDIATORS IN THE DARK CONTINENT AND WITHOUT THEM GETTING THERE IS DIFFICULT.

JUST READ THE FILES.

"GATE-KEEPERS"?

A RACE OF HUMANS THAT GO BY "GATE-KEEPERS" OF THE DARK CONTINENT ENTRANCE.

WHO ARE THESE "GUIDES"?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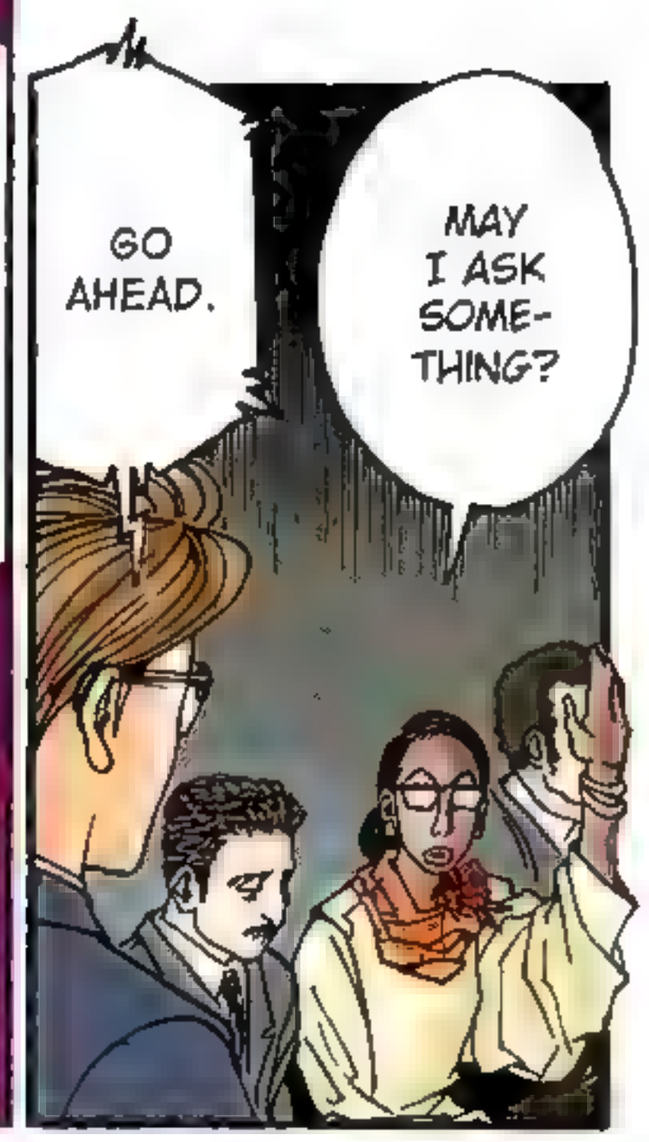
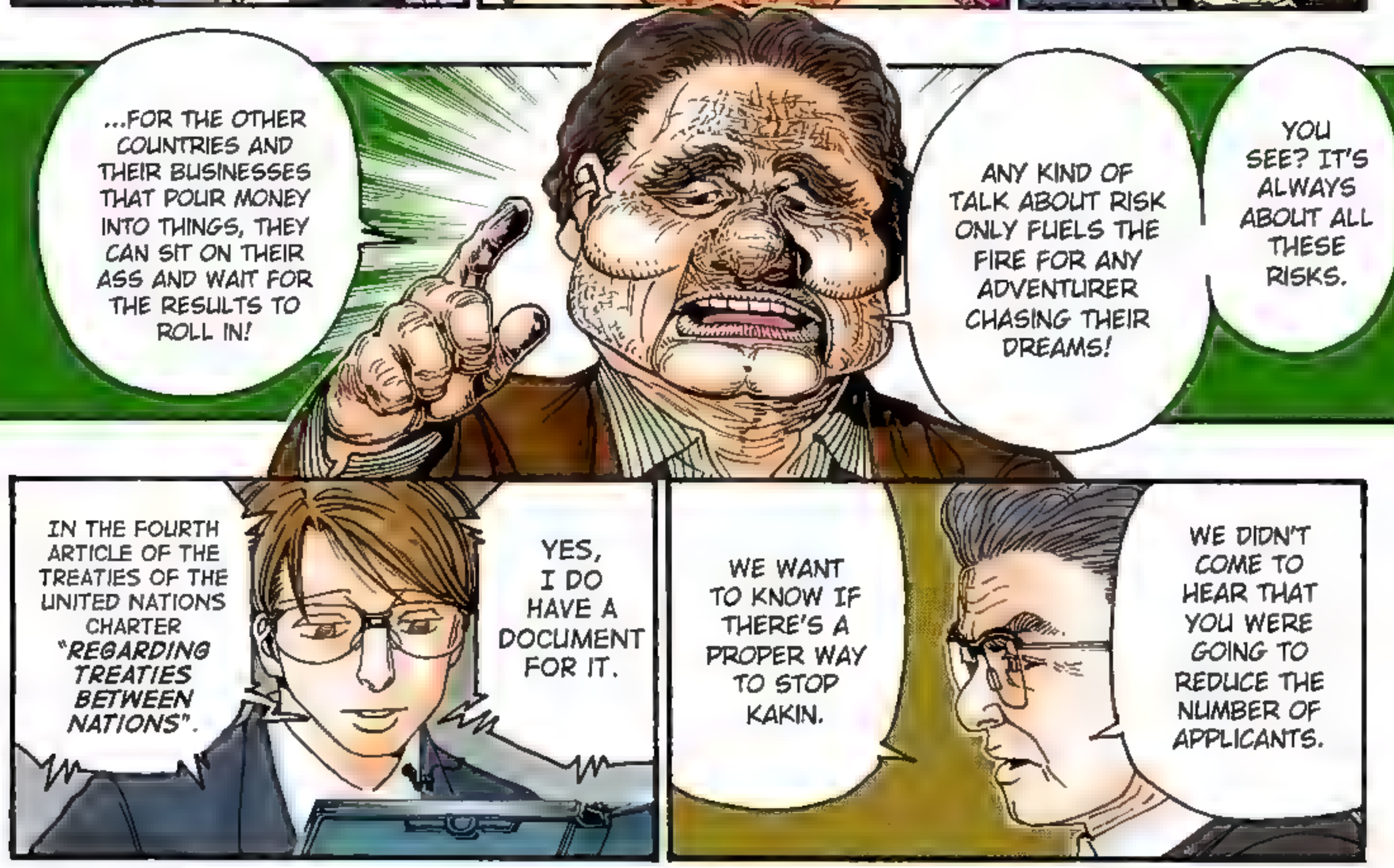
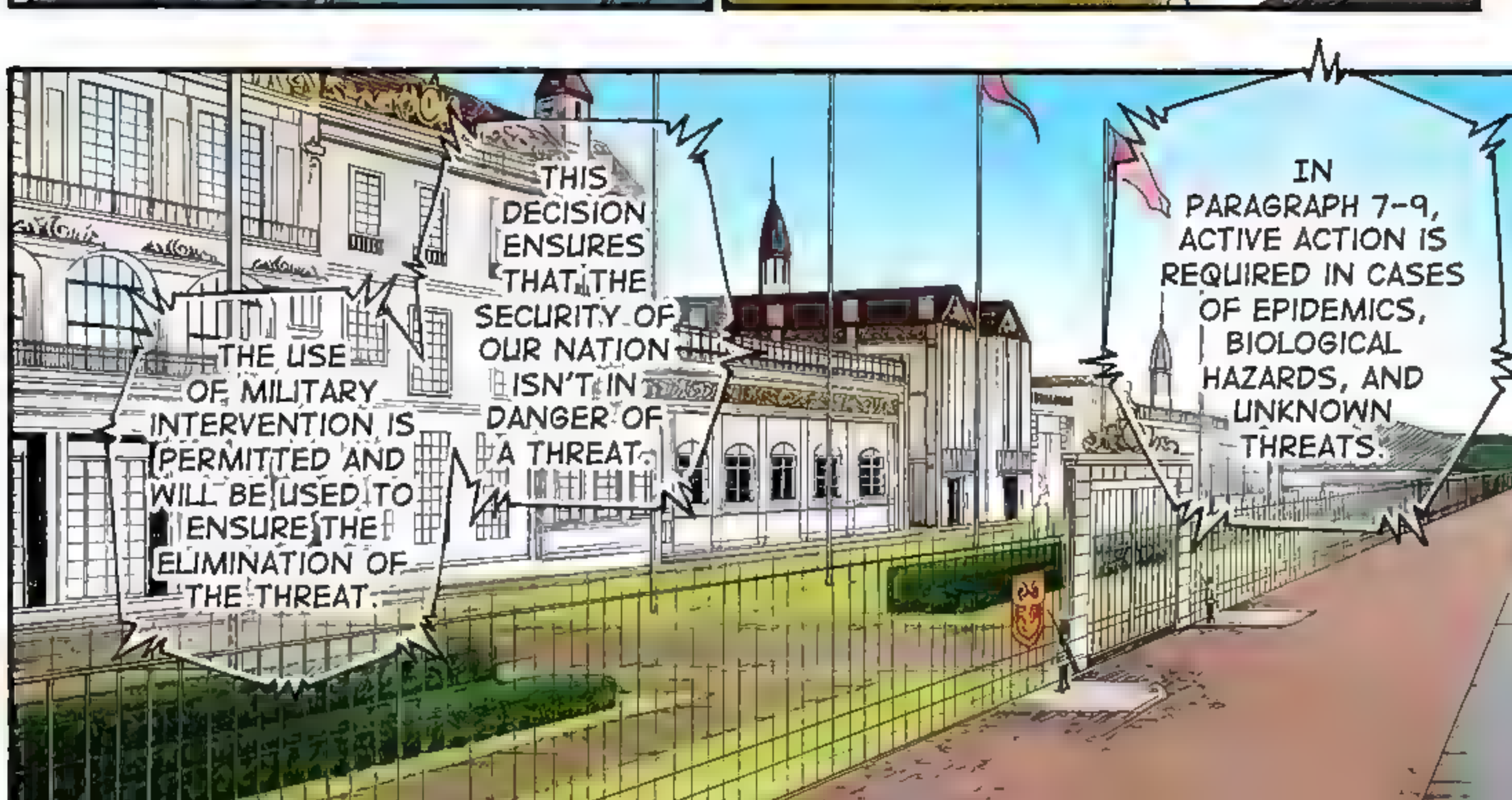
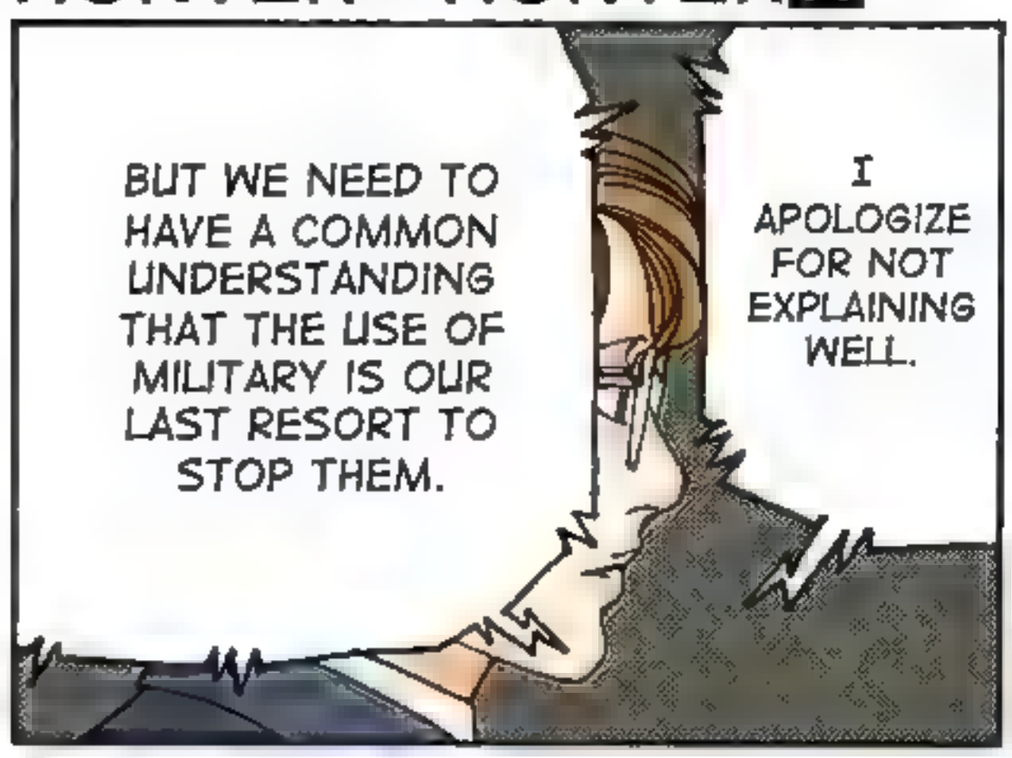
"5 CALA-MITIES"?
INDEED, THIS IS JUST A WASTE OF TIME.

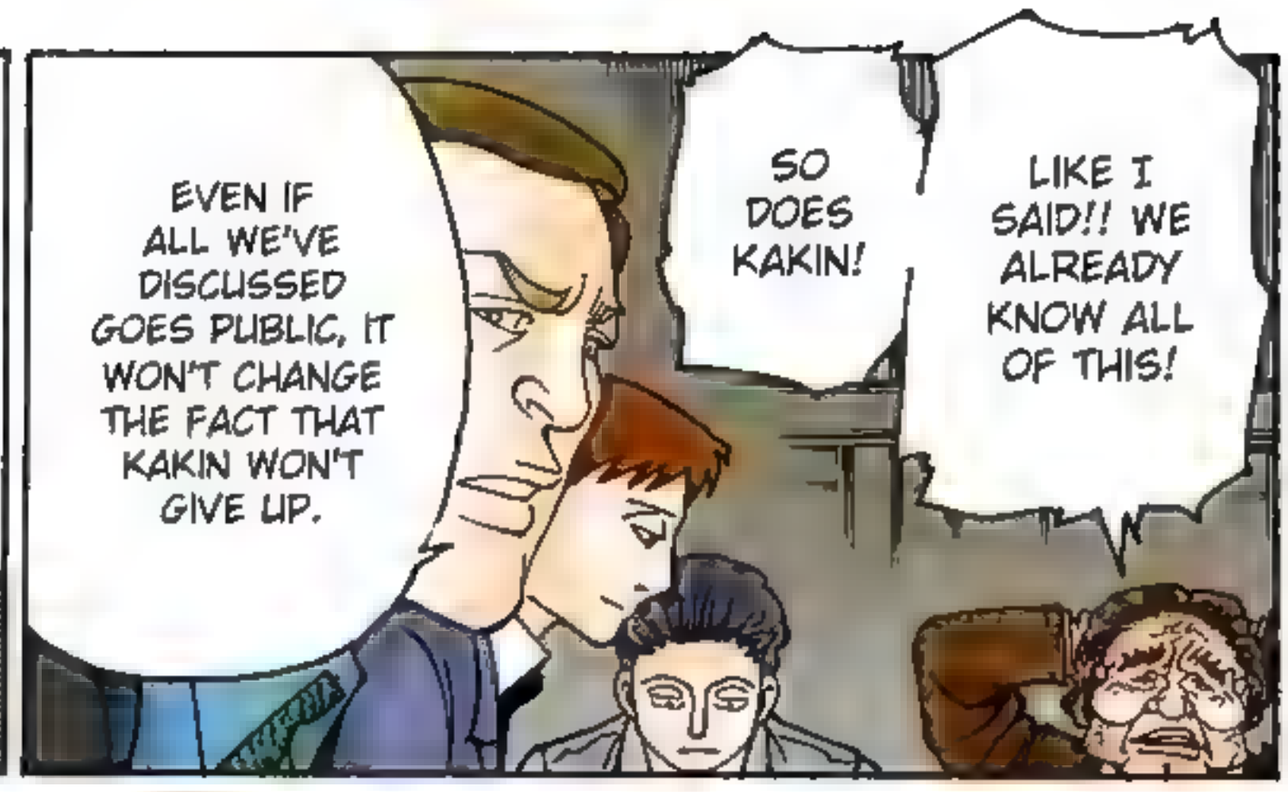
AS FOR THE NEXT TOPIC, I FEAR THIS JOURNEY WILL BRING FORTH ANOTHER THREAT JUST LIKE THE 5 CALAMITIES.
AS WE'VE SEEN SO FAR, WE ALL KNOW THESE THINGS ALREADY.

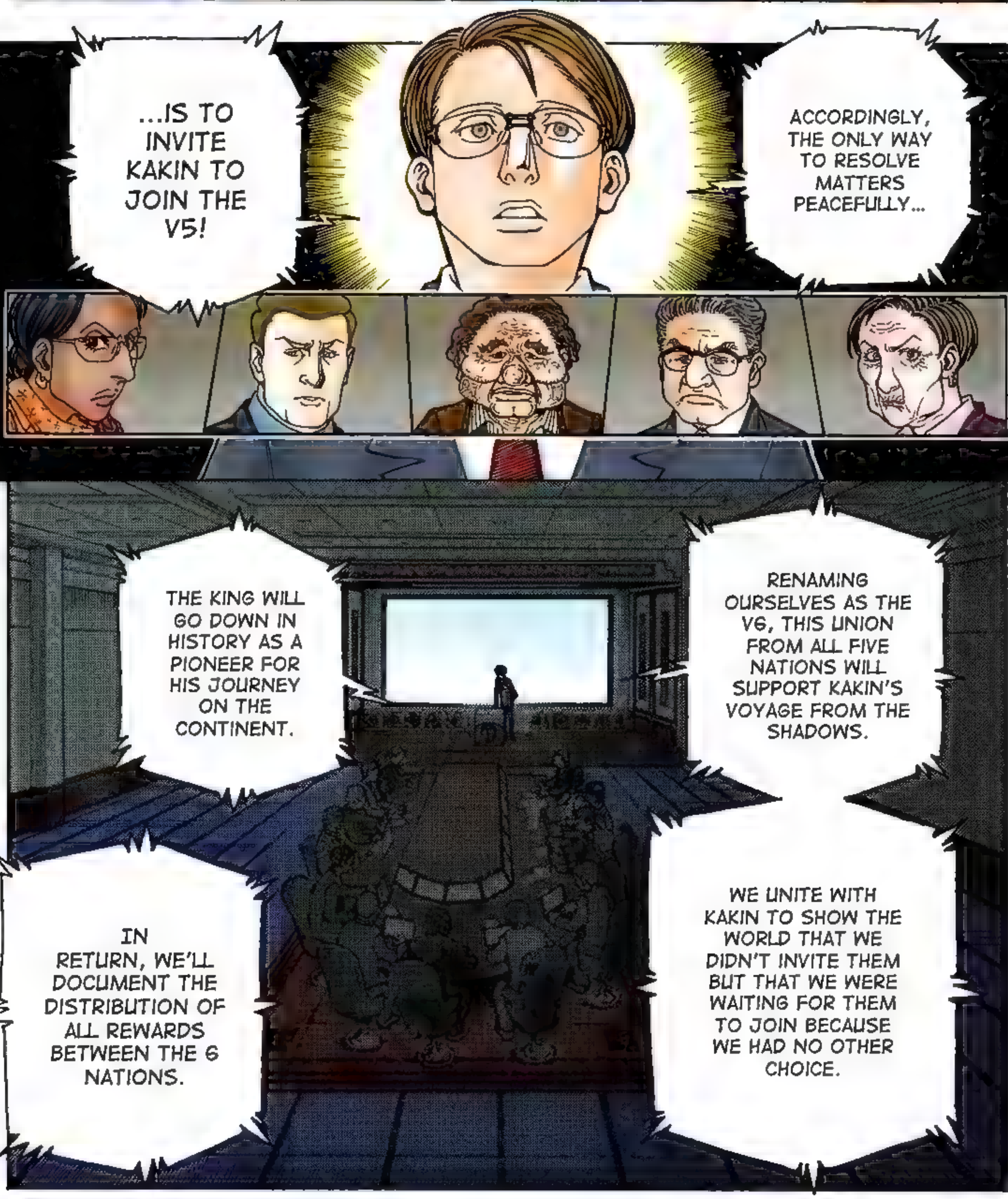

GO AHEAD.
MAY I ASK SOME-THING?


...FOR THE OTHER COUNTRIES AND THEIR BUSINESSES THAT POUR MONEY INTO THINGS, THEY CAN SIT ON THEIR ASS AND WAIT FOR THE RESULTS TO ROLL IN!
ANY KIND OF TALK ABOUT RISK ONLY FUELS THE FIRE FOR ANY ADVENTURER CHASING THEIR DREAMS!
YOU SEE? IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT ALL THESE RISKS.
IN THE FOURTH ARTICLE OF THE TREATIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER "REGARDING TREATIES BETWEEN NATIONS".
YES, I DO HAVE A DOCUMENT FOR IT.
WE WANT TO KNOW IF THERE'S A PROPER WAY TO STOP KAKIN.
WE DIDN'T COME TO HEAR THAT YOU WERE GOING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS.


THE USE OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IS PERMITTED AND WILL BE USED TO ENSURE THE ELIMINATION OF THE THREAT.
THIS DECISION ENSURES THAT THE SECURITY OF OUR NATION ISN'T IN DANGER OF A THREAT.
IN PARAGRAPH 7-9, ACTIVE ACTION IS REQUIRED IN CASES OF EPIDEMICS, BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS, AND UNKNOWN THREATS.


BUT WE NEED TO HAVE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT THE USE OF MILITARY IS OUR LAST RESORT TO STOP THEM.
I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT EXPLAINING WELL.


EVEN IF ALL WE'VE DISCUSSED GOES PUBLIC, IT WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT KAKIN WON'T GIVE UP.
SO DOES KAKIN!
LIKE I SAID!! WE ALREADY KNOW ALL OF THIS!


...IS TO INVITE KAKIN TO JOIN THE V5!
ACCORDINGLY, THE ONLY WAY TO RESOLVE MATTERS PEACEFULLY...
THE KING WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS A PIONEER FOR HIS JOURNEY ON THE CONTINENT.
RENAMING OURSELVES AS THE V6, THIS UNION FROM ALL FIVE NATIONS WILL SUPPORT KAKIN'S VOYAGE FROM THE SHADOWS.
IN RETURN, WE'LL DOCUMENT THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL REWARDS BETWEEN THE 6 NATIONS.
WE UNITE WITH KAKIN TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE DIDN'T INVITE THEM BUT THAT WE WERE WAITING FOR THEM TO JOIN BECAUSE WE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.

LETTING THEM SUFFER THE SAME FATE THAT MANAGED TO UNITE THE V5 IN THE BEGINNING.

I PRESUME THAT IT BE BEST THAT WE DEAL WITH RECRUITMENT AND SCREENING OF MEMBERS AND LEAVE KAKIN WITH JUST THE TRAVELS.

THERE ARE MANY DESERTED ISLANDS NEAR THE OCEAN BOUNDARIES AND THEY ARE WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

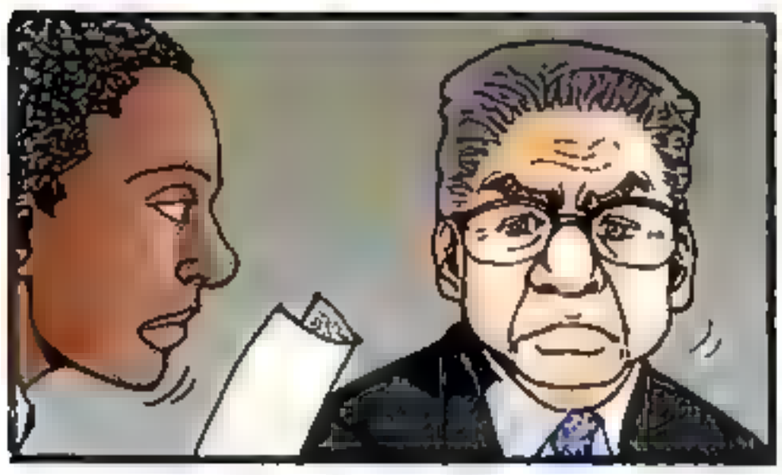
WE HAVE ISSUED A REQUEST FOR THEM TO CAPTURE BEYOND.

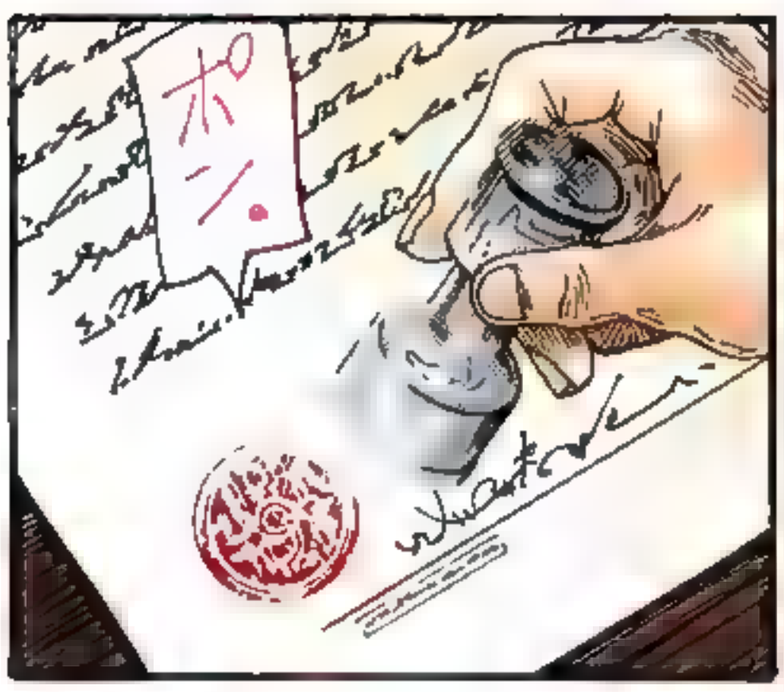
WE'LL NEED AN ESCORT FROM V5 TO BE ON BOARD, WILL THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION BE GOOD ENOUGH?

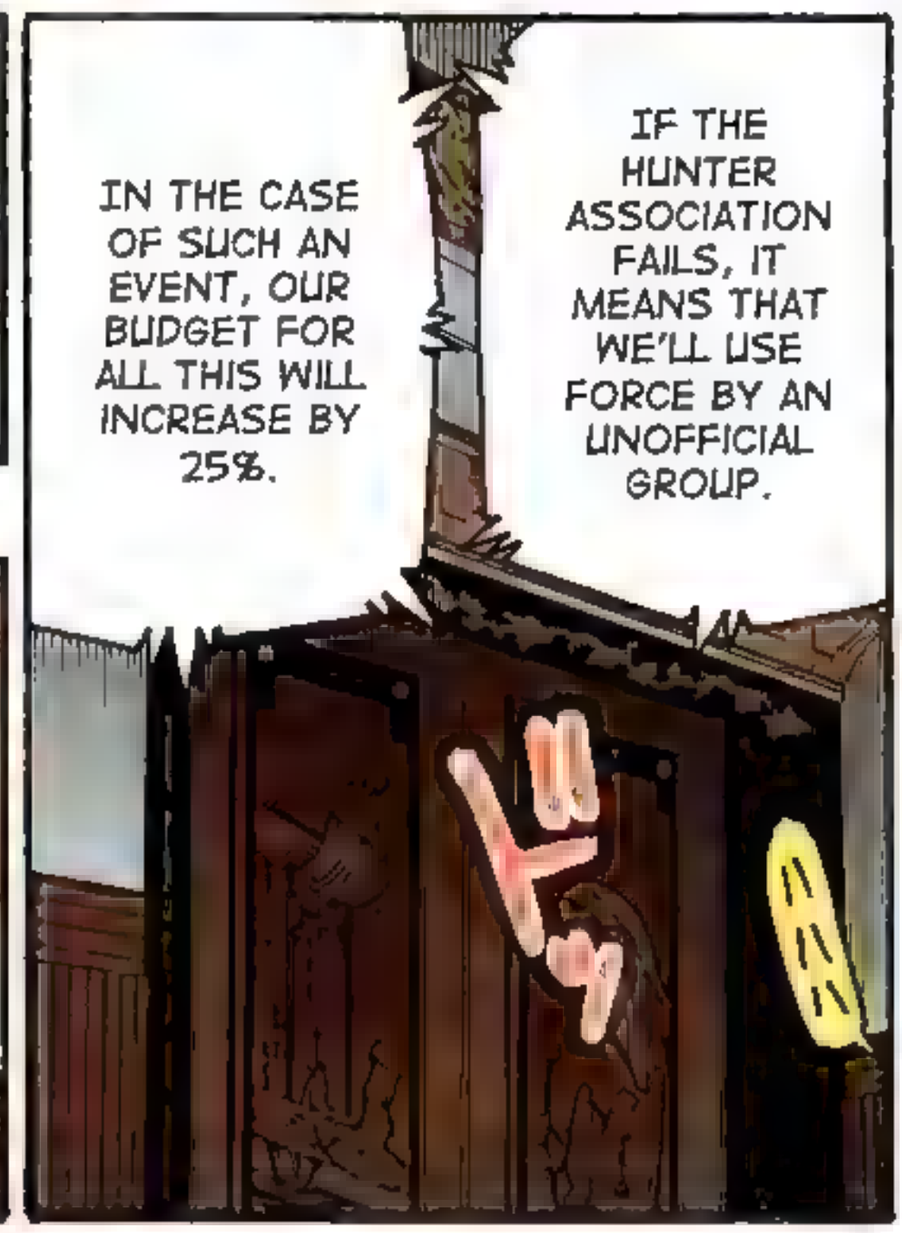
LEAVE THEM IN THIS NEW CONTINENT, UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY'RE LIVING A NEW LIFE THERE.

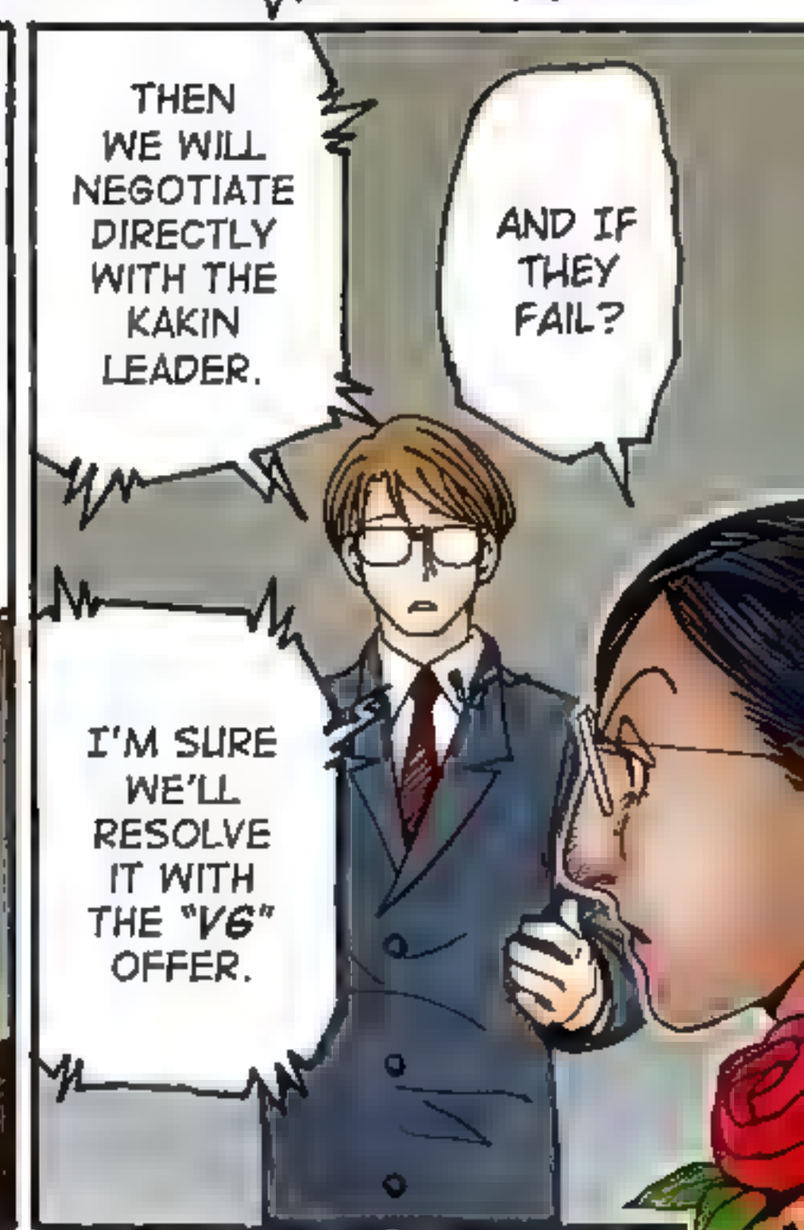
IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THE *"NEGOTIATIONS"*, THEN THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY ARE OF GREAT VALUE.

ONCE HE'S CAPTURED, IT WILL BE UP TO THEM TO GO INTO FURTHER PERSUASION.









IF PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN IMMIGRANTS ISN'T PART OF OUR DUTY, WOULD THE RISKS BE HIGHER?

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NOW THE VS WILL NEVER GET OFF THEIR BEHINDS, AND IF WE BLINDLY FOLLOWED PROTOCOL, THE PLAN ITSELF WOULD'VE BEEN CRUSHED.

THE REASON FOR ISSUING A POLICY TO LIMIT THE OPENING OF THE GATES WAS TO CLARIFY THE CHOICE.

IN FACT, SHOULDN'T YOU WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF?

YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION.

WHICH MEANS THAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE, NO ONE WILL ACCEPT "SECURING CIVILIANS SAFETY" AS AN EXCUSE, NOW WOULD THEY?

ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DIDN'T RECONSIDER YOUR OWN RISKS? WHAT BRAVERY, BUT I WONDER HOW LONG YOU'LL STAY LIKE THIS.

AND SINCE THE VS COULDN'T STOP THIS, THEY SENT US TO LOOK OVER BEYOND AND PRESERVE THEIR DIGNITY.

BEYOND IS TRYING TO MAKE THE KING OF KAKIN AN ANCIENT HERO IN EXCHANGE FOR A TICKET TO THE DARK CONTINENT.

BRIEFLY ...

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT, SOMEONE PLEASE TRANSLATE FOR ME.

I CAN'T DO THIS...

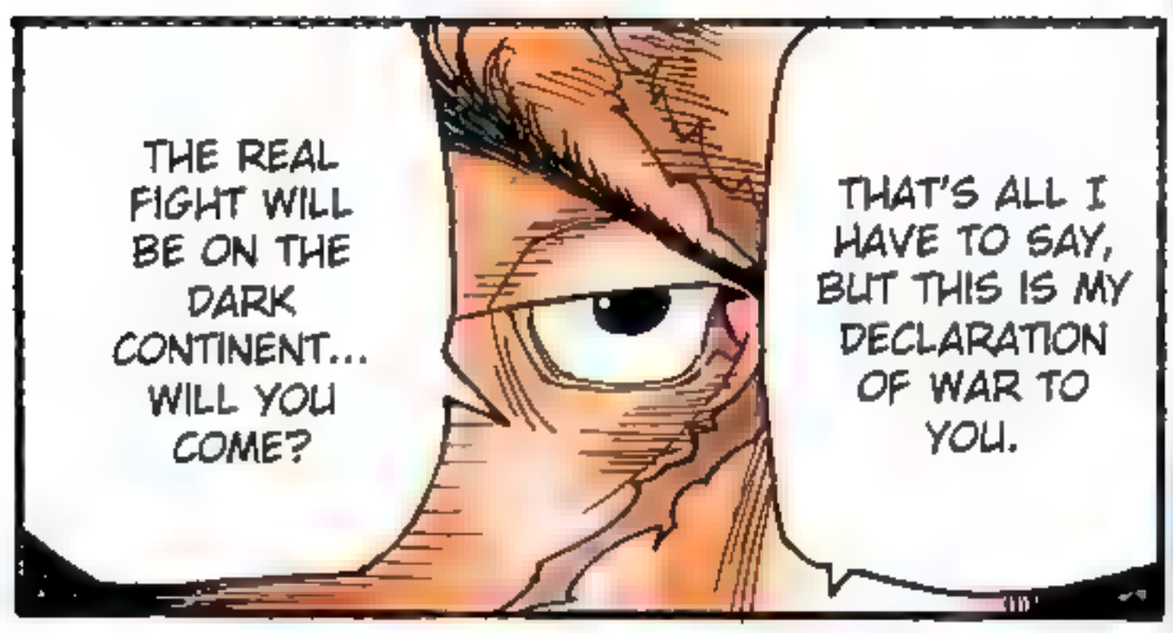
OF COURSE, THE ASSOCIATION WILL GAIN GREAT BENEFITS FOR HUMANITY AT THE SAME TIME.

IF WE SUCCEED, WE MIGHT GET SOME RECOGNITION AND WE'LL GET TO HUNT THE DARK CONTINENT.

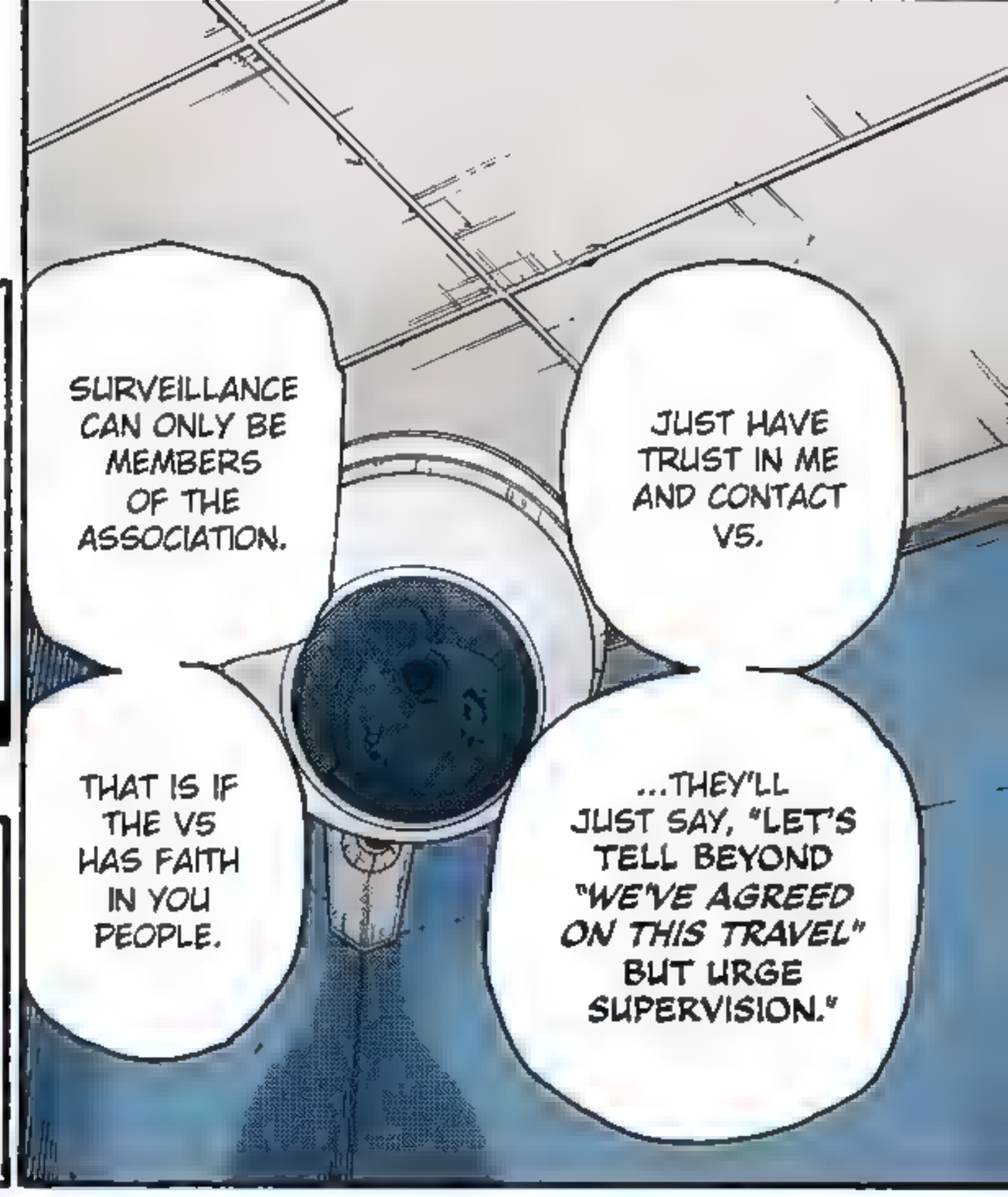
IF WE SOMEHOW FAIL, WE'LL LOSE ALL TRUST OF OUR BEST CUSTOMER.

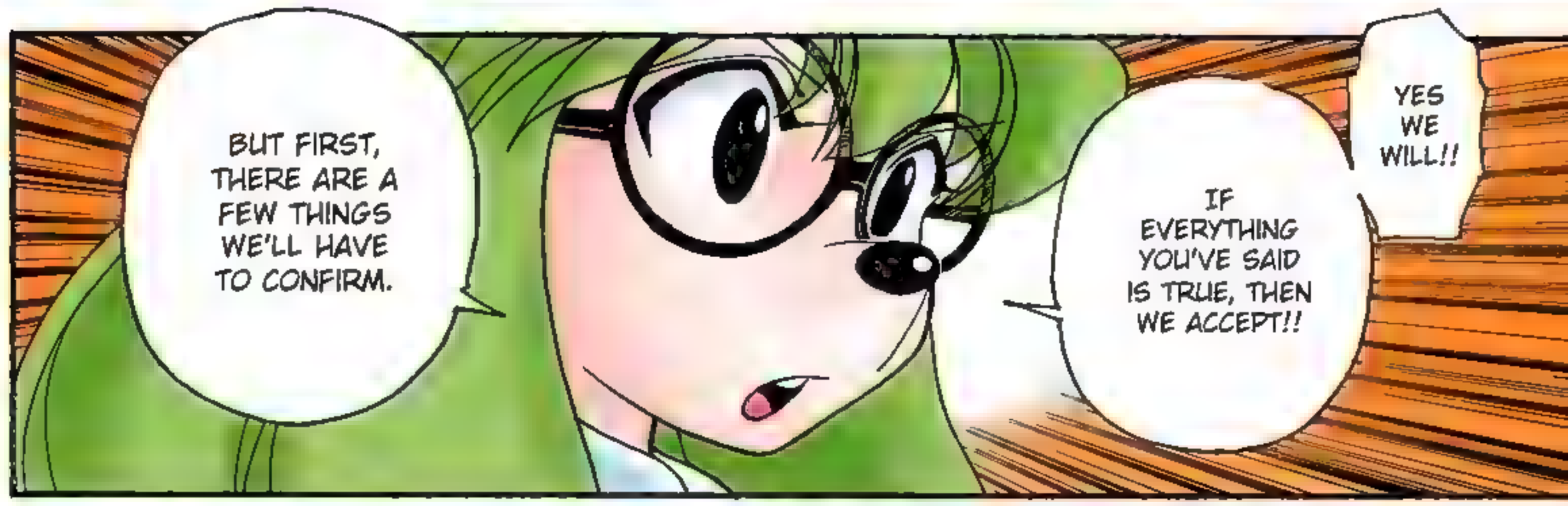
WELL IT'S MORE OF HIGH-RISK, HIGH-REWARD.

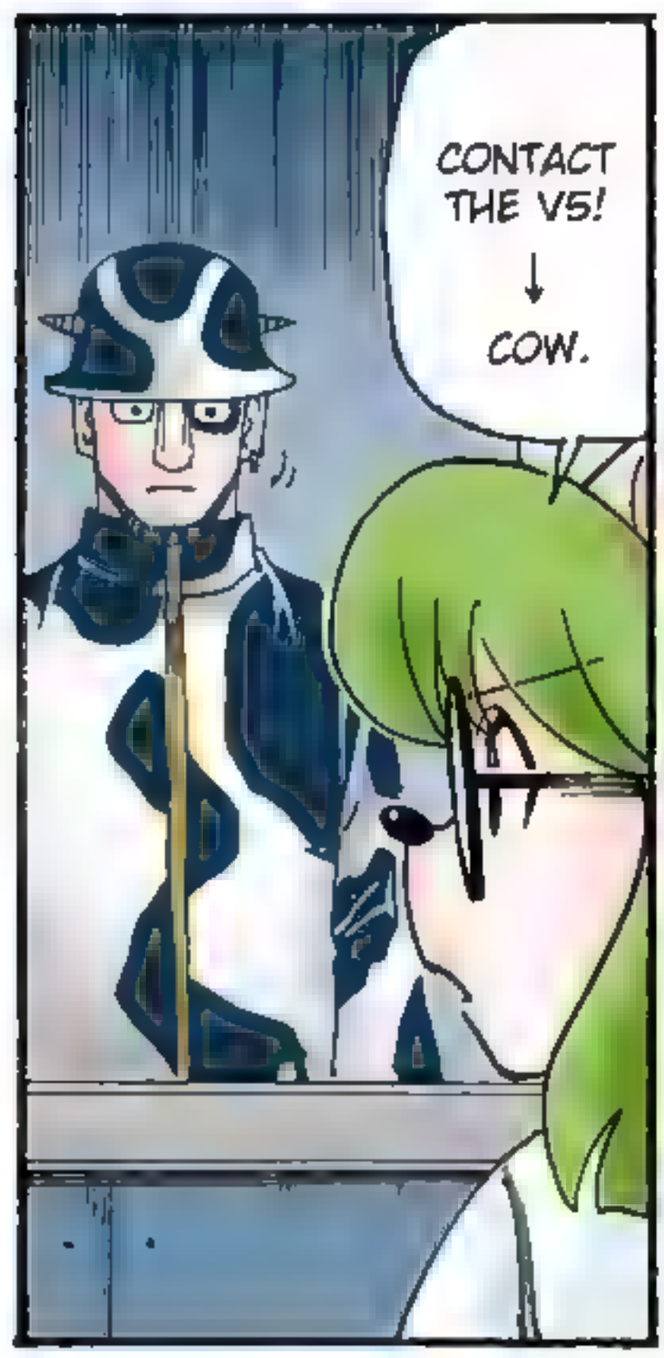
SO THIS ISN'T GOOD FOR US, RIGHT?


THE REAL FIGHT WILL BE ON THE DARK CONTINENT... WILL YOU COME?
THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY, BUT THIS IS MY DECLARATION OF WAR TO YOU.

WE WILL BE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE IF WE DON'T FIGHT IN IT!!
HE'S RIGHT... THIS IS A BATTLE!!


SURVEILLANCE CAN ONLY BE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.
JUST HAVE TRUST IN ME AND CONTACT VS.
THAT IS IF THE VS HAS FAITH IN YOU PEOPLE.
...THEY'LL JUST SAY, "LET'S TELL BEYOND "WE'VE AGREED ON THIS TRAVEL" BUT URGE SUPERVISION."


BUT FIRST, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS WE'LL HAVE TO CONFIRM.
IF EVERYTHING YOU'VE SAID IS TRUE, THEN WE ACCEPT!!
YES WE WILL!!


CONTACT THE VS! ↓ COW.

HE'S THE REAL DEAL... THE SON OF THE CHAIRMAN.
HE ALREADY PREDICTED THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER HIM A FRAUD...
IN ORDER TO GO TO THE DARK CONTINENT... HE'S PREPARED TO USE THE ASSOCIATION AS A STEPPING STONE.

THAT'S FINE BY ME.
YOU CAN TAKE MY BLOOD IF YOU WANT, ANYTHING.

CHANGE OF PLANS, THIS WILL BE A TOP SECRET, CRUCIAL MISSION FROM VS!! THIS WILL REQUIRE THE HELP OF THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION.

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL ALL GO WITH BEYOND TO THE DARK CONTINENT. THIS WILL BE OUR HIGHEST LEVEL MISSION.
↓
EVERYONE.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS... WE CAN'T LOSE!!

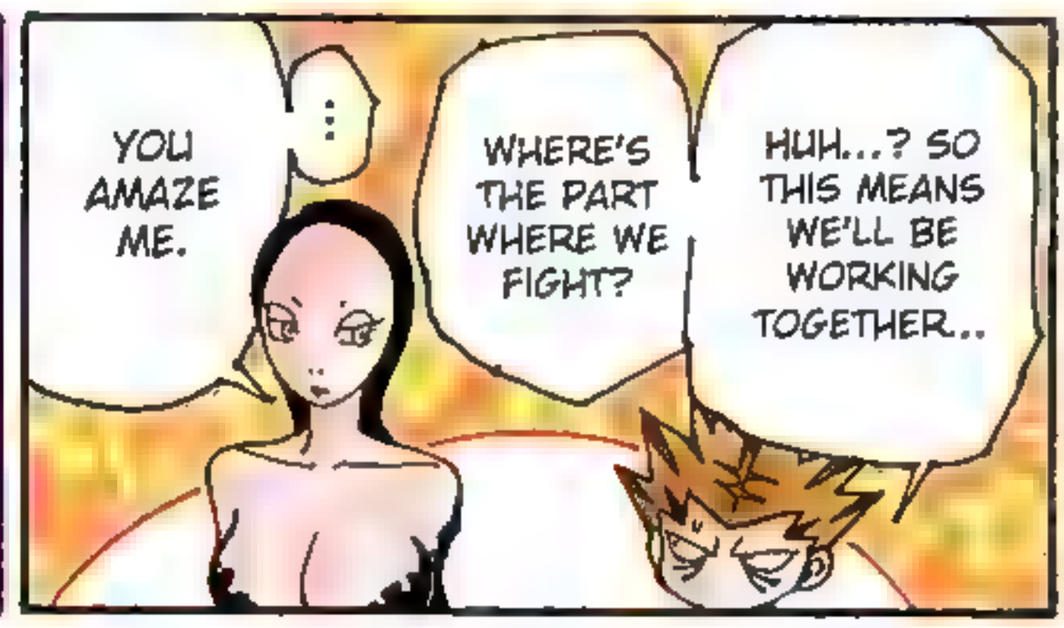
NO MORE HESITATION, WE'RE GOING AGAINST A SLY FOE WHO HAS DRAGGED US INTO THE DARK CONTINENT...

IT WAS ALL UNDERHANDED TRICKS, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET VS TO MOVE IN ORDER TO SECURE THE TRIP TO THE DARK CONTINENT.

WE'VE BEEN FORCED INTO AN ARENA AGAINST OUR OWN WILL...!

WE HAVE TO MANAGE HIM WHILE GOING AGAINST HIS ALLIES AND FINDING SOLUTIONS TO ALL LIKELY THREATS AT THE SAME TIME.

THIS ALL MEANS THAT BEYOND WILL BE TAKEN AS OUR PRISONER TO THE DARK CONTINENT, BUT IF HE BREAKS FREE, HE HAS THE RIGHT TO DO AS HE WANTS!!



...IN THIS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN CONTINENT...!!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL COME TO ATTACK US...

GINTA, YOU HAVE TOO MANY OPTIMISTIC DREAMS.

I HOPE WE'LL GET ALONG WITH BEYOND AND HAVE A FUN ADVENTURE TOGETHER! SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

EXACTLY! SO BE PREPARED. ↓ EVERYONE.

ISN'T THAT WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO? SINCE WE'RE HUNTERS AND ALL.

BUT ...

THIS WILL BE A LONG IMPRISONMENT.

YOU SHOULD PREPARE YOURSELF.

OKAY.

CHEADEL, LEAVE HIM TO US.

AS LONG AS I HAVE TO.

I'LL WAIT...

LONG IMPRISONMENT, HUH...

WAS THIS REALLY THE RIGHT CHOICE?

AH... THANK YOU, BUT...

THAT WAS A GOOD PRESENTATION.

WELL DONE.

WE ONLY PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SAFEST ROUTE, EVEN IF OUR CUSTOMERS DO NOT DECIDE TO TRAVEL. THE REST IS THEIR PROBLEM.

IT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM. OUR JOB IS TO INFORM THEM OF THE "NUMBER OF RISKS".

BUT IT WAS STILL PUT UNDER "TRAVELING", DOES THIS NOT CONTRADICT THE ORDERS OF THE AGENCY?

I HAVE COMPILED AND PRESENTED ALL POSSIBLE RISKS AS YOU ASKED.

WHAT WAS?

SOMETHING WRONG?

RIGHT.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS PEACE, RIGHT?

REALISTIC, NOTHING BEATS AN HONEST WORLD.

YES.

BUT NOW, MOST OF THE STANDARD CRITERIA THAT EXIST ARE BASED ON THAT BOOK.

ACCORDING TO OUR OFFICIAL INSTITUTION, THE BOOK "JOURNEY TO THE NEW WORLD" WAS CATEGORIZED AS FICTION...

YES ...

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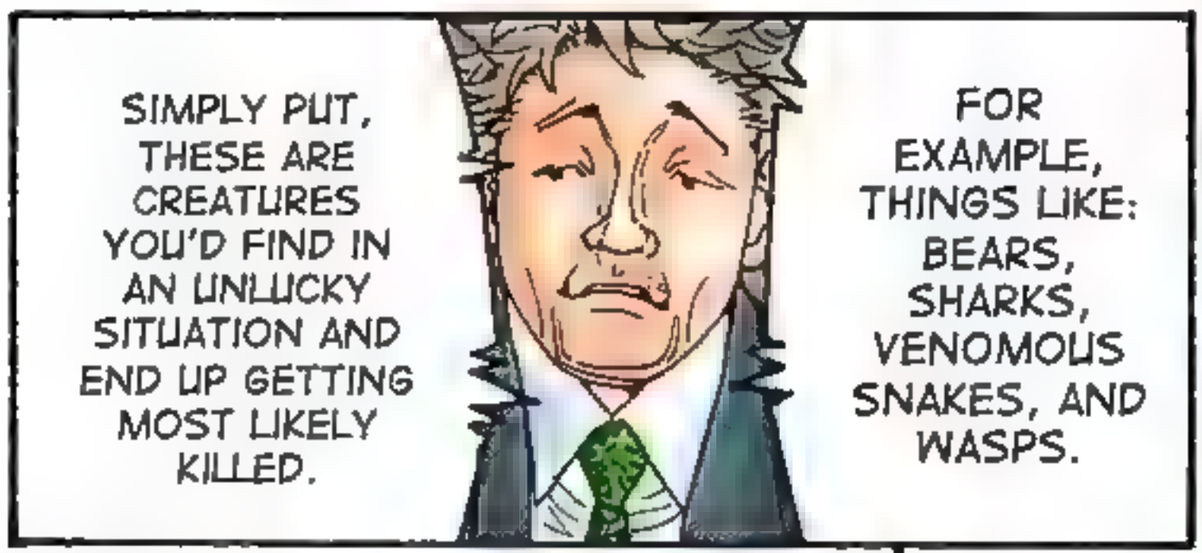
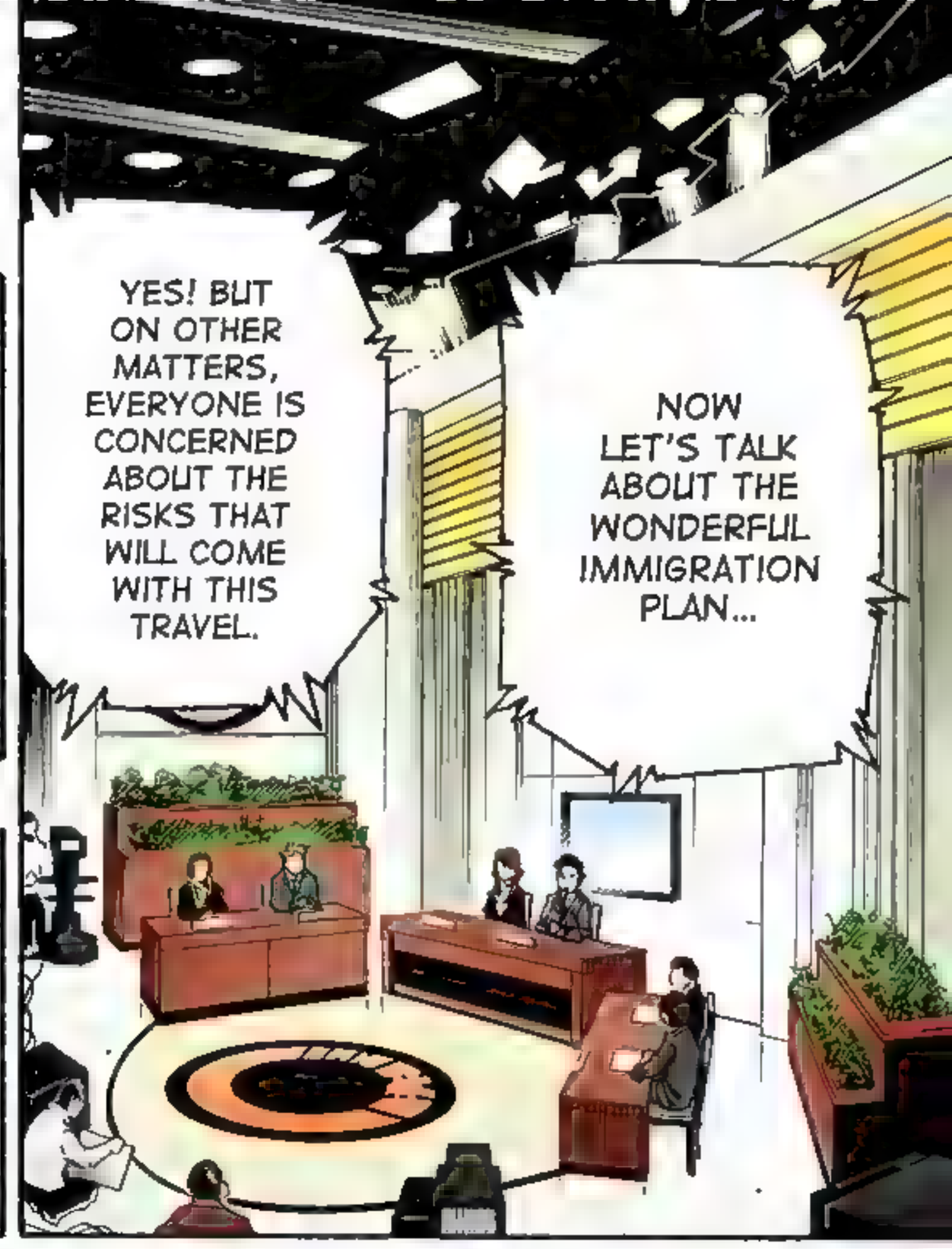
YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT MANAGER!!

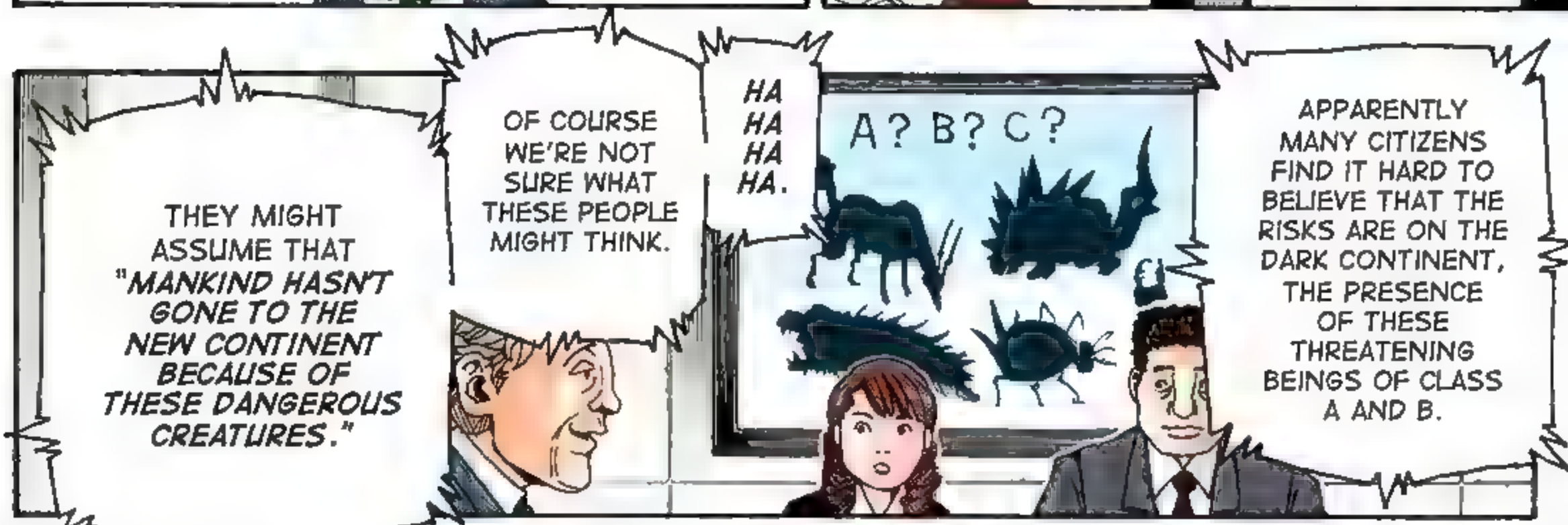
HAHAHA, YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME!!

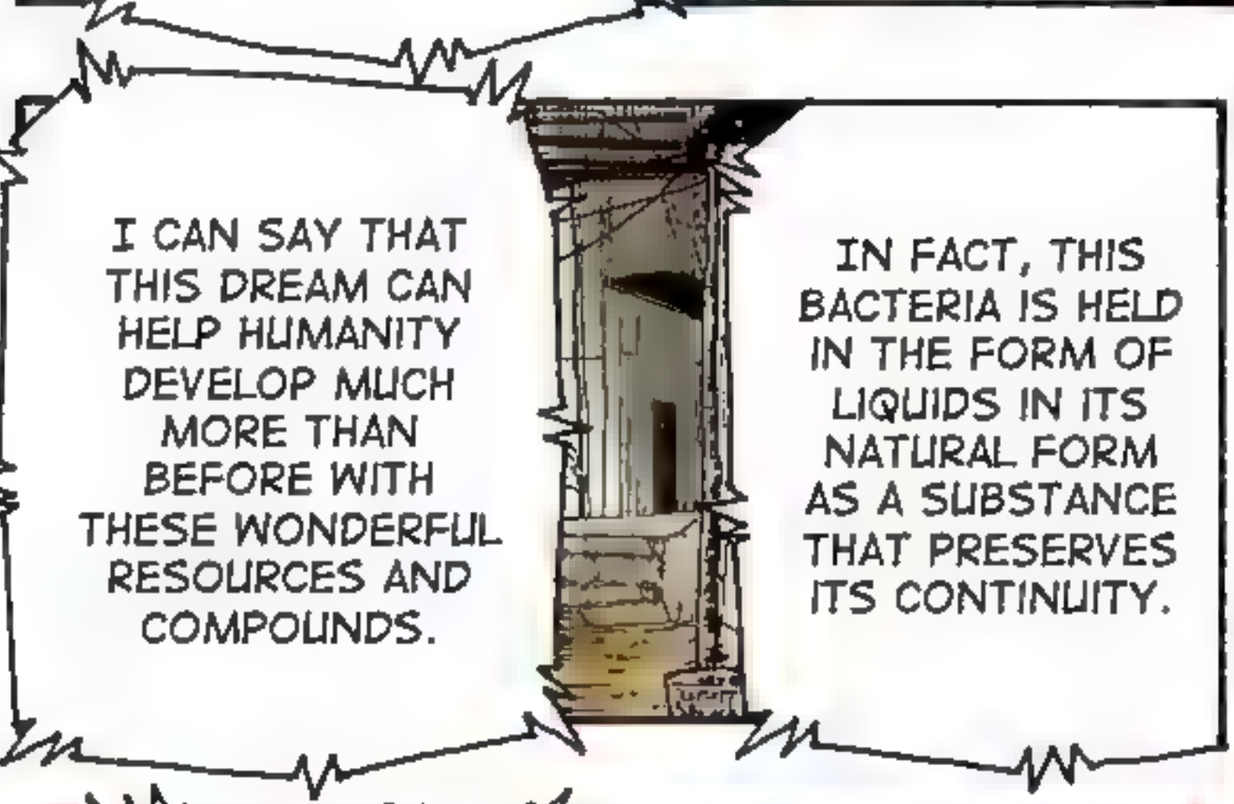
NOW THE SELECTION OF A CIVILIAN TO TRAVEL WILL BE THROUGH A LOTTERY, THE ODDS WILL BE ONE IN A 1300 TO BE FIRST ON THE SHIP!!
THIS COMMEMORATIVE SHIP WILL CARRY BEYOND, THE KING AND THE 14 OTHER PRINCES!!
THESE ARE NOT JUST DREAMS FOLKS,THESE ARE DREAMS COME TRUE!!
THERE'S MORE!! HE ALSO PROMISED THAT HE WOULD SEND A MILLION TRAVELERS IN FIVE YEARS TO THE NEW WORLD!!
OUR HERO, KING HUI GUO ROU, ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BUILD 20 MORE OF THESE IN A YEAR!!
INSIDE IT'S NORMAL BECAUSE IT IS SPECIALIZED IN TRANSPORTATION, SINCE THE COST IN MANUFACTURING WAS SHORT!!
LOOK AT THAT!! IT'S THE GIANT TRANSPORT SHIP,THE BLACK WHALE NO. 1!! THAT THING CAN CARRY UP TO 200,000 PASSENGERS!!!

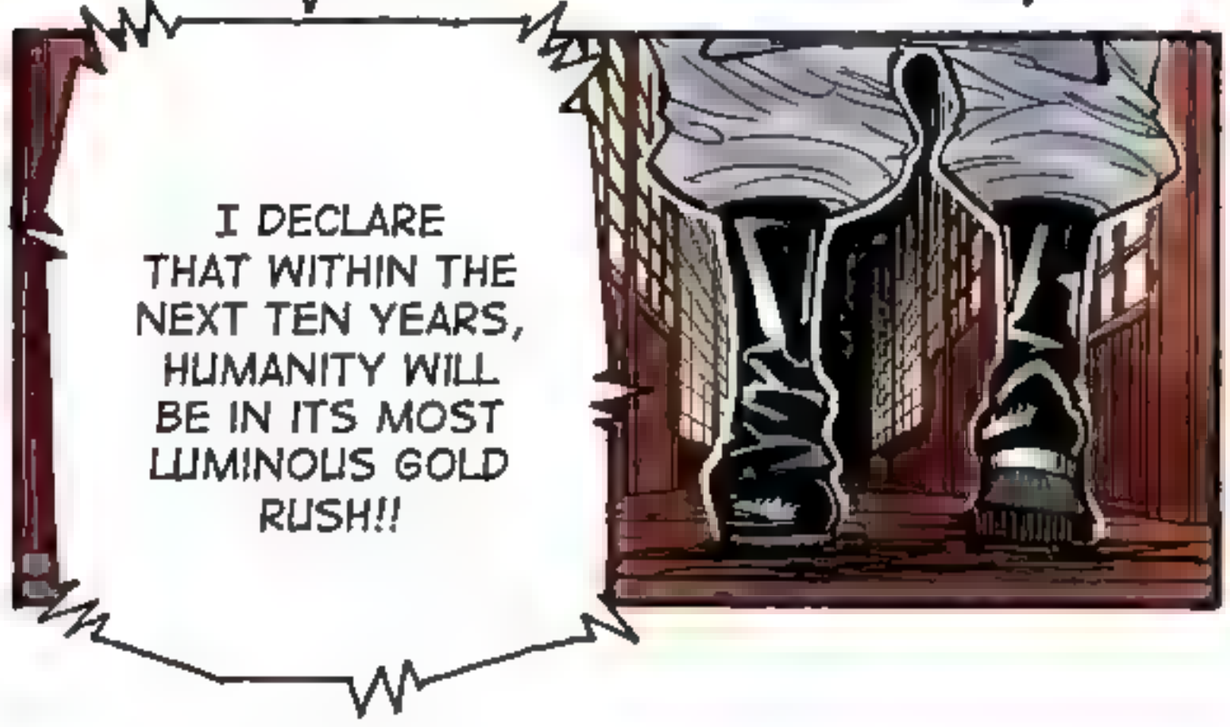
LOOKING AT THIS, ONE CAN UNDERSTAND THE RISKS OF UNFORESEEN DANGERS.
BASED ON THE OFFICIAL INSTITUTION'S DECLARATION OF RISK, IT CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS C RANK.

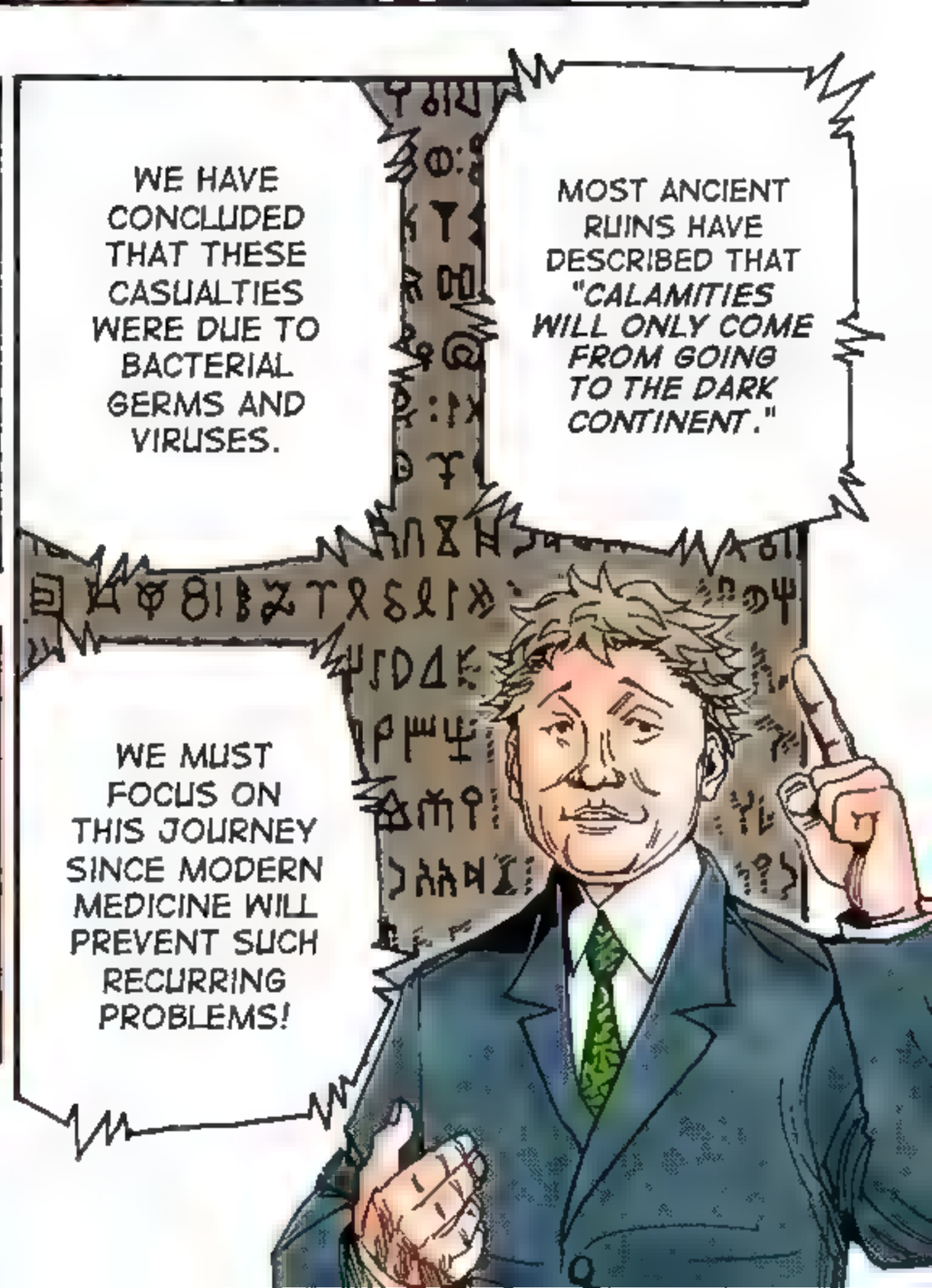

SIMPLY PUT, THESE ARE CREATURES YOU'D FIND IN AN UNLUCKY SITUATION AND END UP GETTING MOST LIKELY KILLED.
FOR EXAMPLE, THINGS LIKE: BEARS, SHARKS, VENOMOUS SNAKES, AND WASPS.


YES! BUT ON OTHER MATTERS, EVERYONE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE RISKS THAT WILL COME WITH THIS TRAVEL.
NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WONDERFUL IMMIGRATION PLAN...


THEY MIGHT ASSUME THAT "MANKIND HASN'T GONE TO THE NEW CONTINENT BECAUSE OF THESE DANGEROUS CREATURES."
OF COURSE WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT THESE PEOPLE MIGHT THINK.
HA HA HA HA.
A? B? C?
APPARENTLY MANY CITIZENS FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THE RISKS ARE ON THE DARK CONTINENT, THE PRESENCE OF THESE THREATENING BEINGS OF CLASS A AND B.


I CAN SAY THAT THIS DREAM CAN HELP HUMANITY DEVELOP MUCH MORE THAN BEFORE WITH THESE WONDERFUL RESOURCES AND COMPOUNDS.
IN FACT, THIS BACTERIA IS HELD IN THE FORM OF LIQUIDS IN ITS NATURAL FORM AS A SUBSTANCE THAT PRESERVES ITS CONTINUITY.


I DECLARE THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS, HUMANITY WILL BE IN ITS MOST LUMINOUS GOLD RUSH!!


WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THESE CASUALTIES WERE DUE TO BACTERIAL GERMS AND VIRUSES.
MOST ANCIENT RUINS HAVE DESCRIBED THAT "CALAMITIES WILL ONLY COME FROM GOING TO THE DARK CONTINENT."
WE MUST FOCUS ON THIS JOURNEY SINCE MODERN MEDICINE WILL PREVENT SUCH RECURRING PROBLEMS!

THE DARK CONTINENT ...

...IS A CONTINENT OF DREAMS!!

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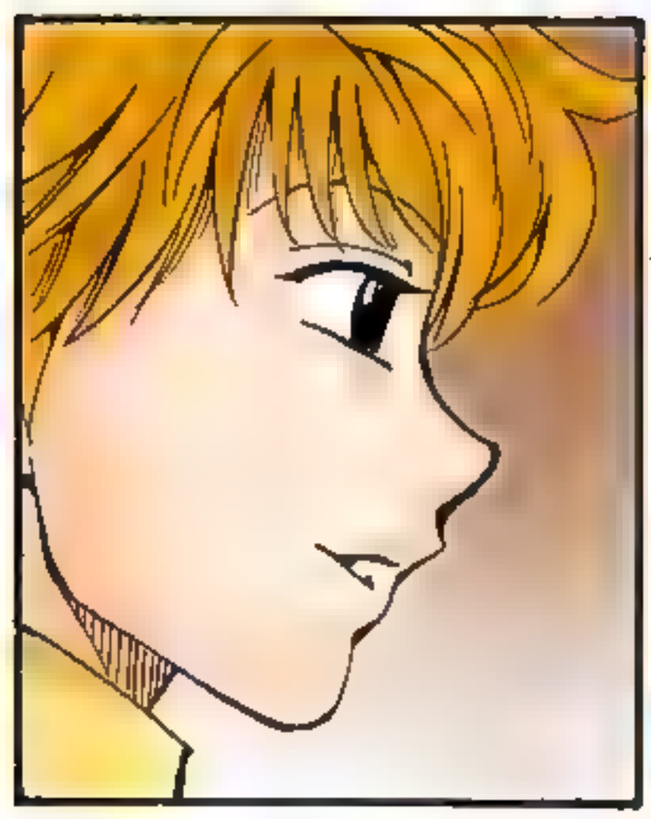
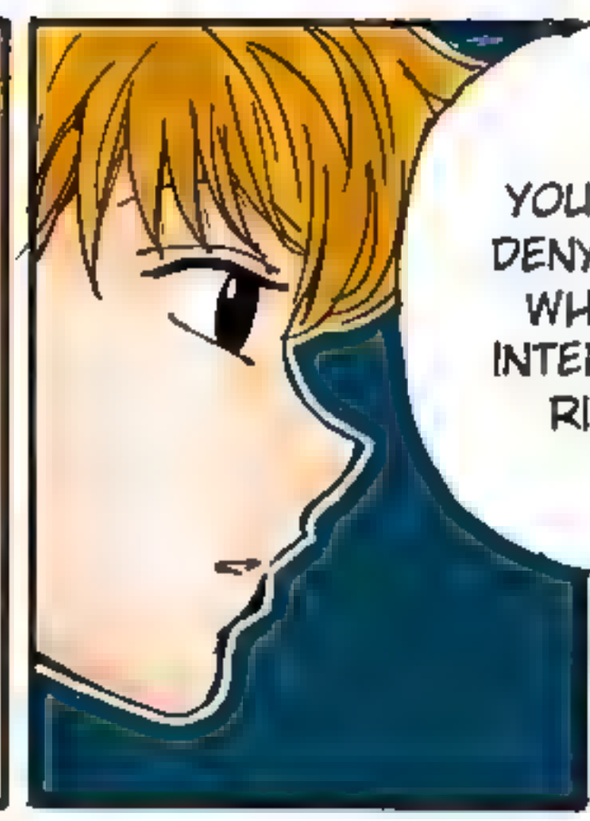
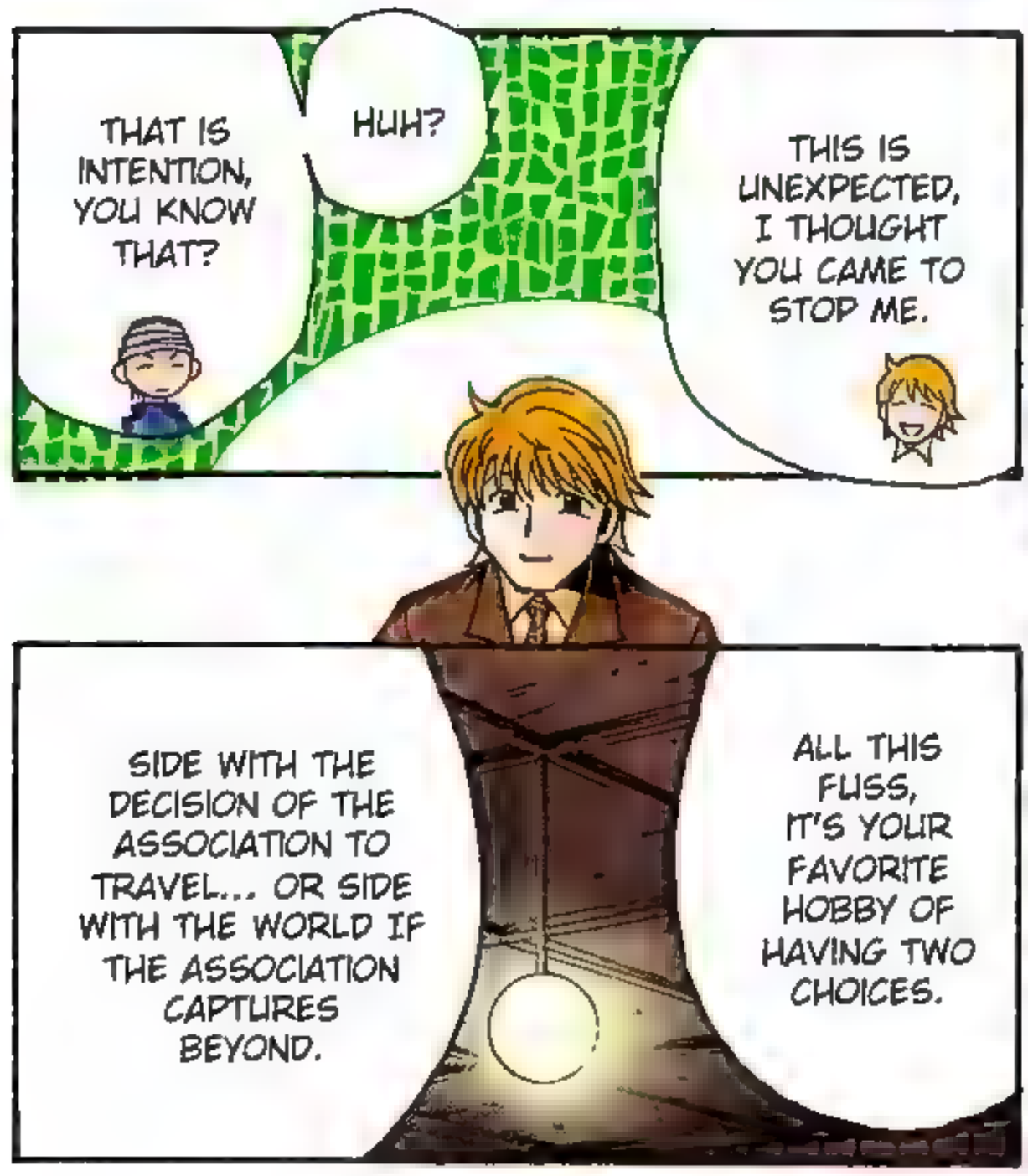
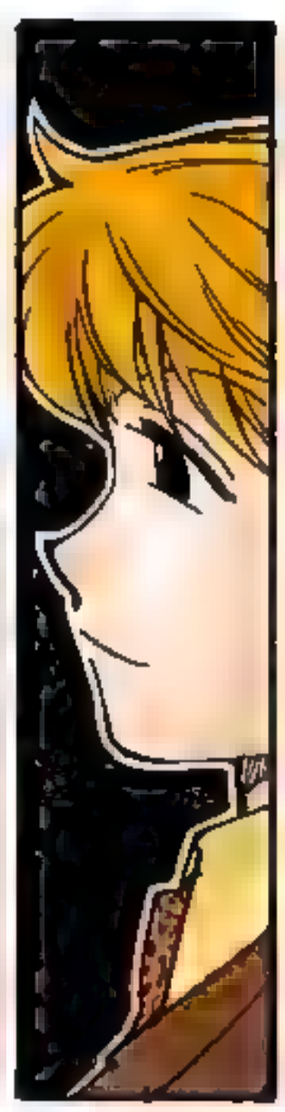



YOU WON'T DENY THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, RIGHT?

LET ME IN ON THIS.


THAT IS INTENTION, YOU KNOW THAT?
HUH?
THIS IS UNEXPECTED, I THOUGHT YOU CAME TO STOP ME.
SIDE WITH THE DECISION OF THE ASSOCIATION TO TRAVEL... OR SIDE WITH THE WORLD IF THE ASSOCIATION CAPTURES BEYOND.
ALL THIS FUSS, IT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY OF HAVING TWO CHOICES.

THE ASSOCIATION ISN'T YOUR TOY BOX ANYMORE.
THAT'S ENOUGH FUN FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?
SO DON'T MAKE ANY PROBLEMS ANYMORE.



YOU'D SEND IN 5000 CHIMERAS SOLDIERS.

RIGHT UNTIL YOU BEG TO GIVE UP.

I'LL BE YOUR PLAYMATE FROM NOW ON.

...SOMEONE TO KEEP ME COMPANY.

FINALLY...

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I MIGHT JUST BE DOING THIS FUN, YOU KNOW?

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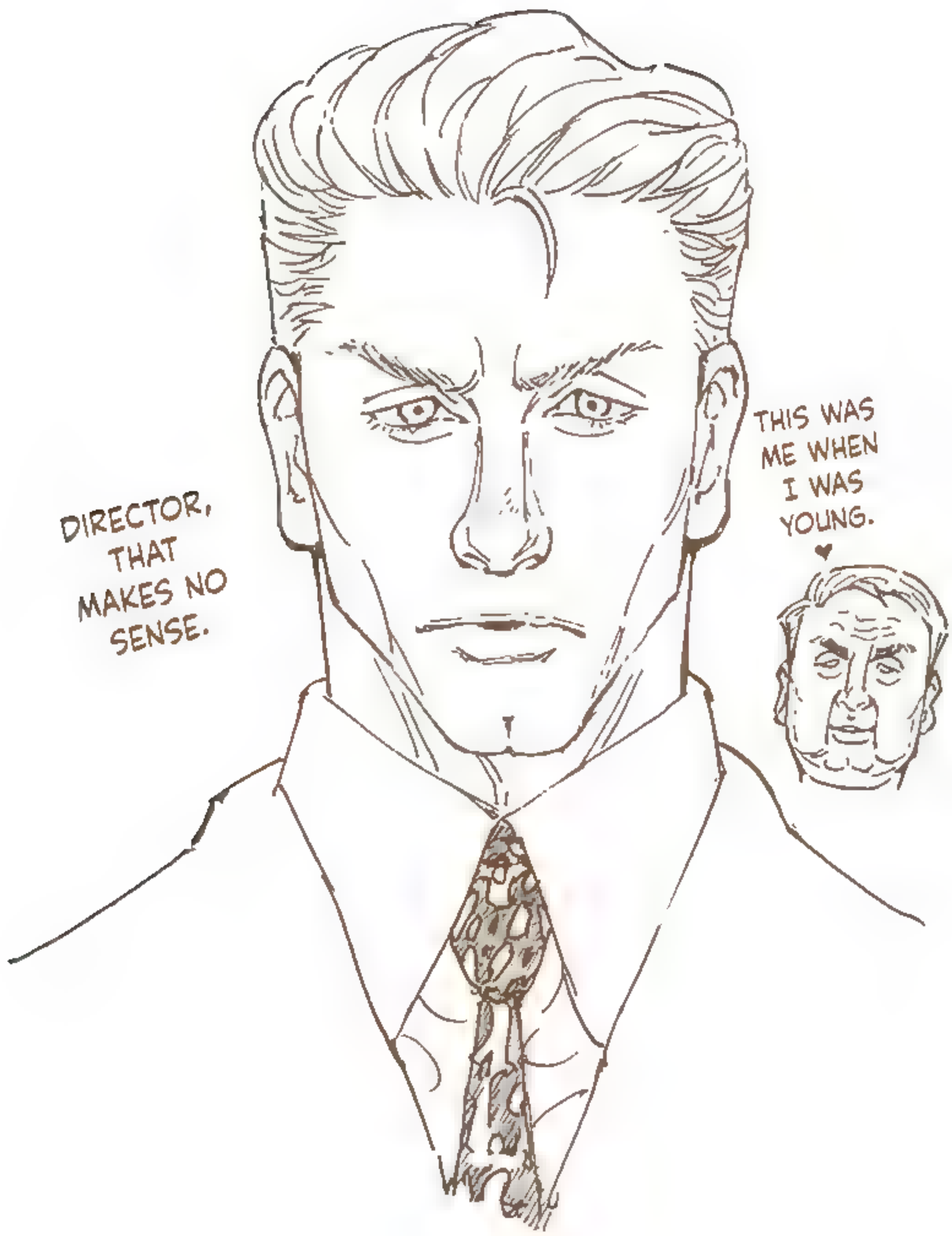
WITH YOU?

I DON'T QUITE AGREE...


DIRECTOR, THAT MAKES NO SENSE.
THIS WAS ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG.

ME?!

BE A ZODIAC?!

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ONLY UNDER THE CONDITION THAT YOU JOIN US IN OUR EXPEDITION TO THE DARK CONTINENT AS OUR MEDICAL TEAM!

WE HAD THEM APPROVE A SPECIAL EXEMPTION FOR YOU TO STUDY ABROAD.

OF COURSE YOUR GRADES WILL BE REFLECTED FROM YOUR PRACTICAL AND HANDS-ON MEDICAL EXPERIENCE.

I WILL BE THE HEAD MEDICAL PHYSICIAN.

WHAT-

OH RIGHT, YOUR MEDICAL STUDIES.

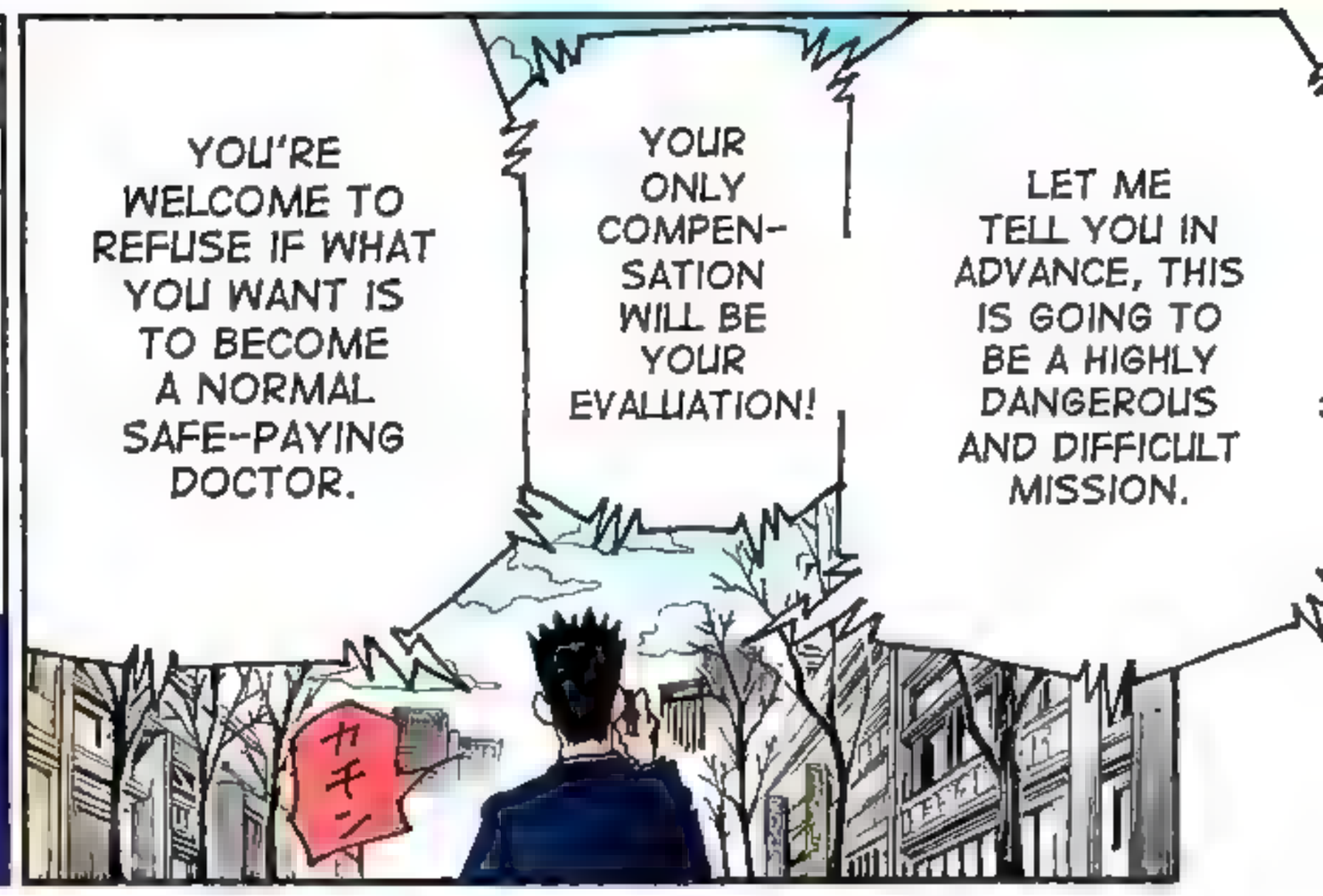
HOLD ON, I HAVE MY OWN THINGS TO DO...

SORRY FOR OVERSTEPPING, BUT WE CONTACTED YOUR SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR ENROLLMENT.

HUH?

YOUR ABILITIES WILL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR TO WHETHER THE MONTHS AND YEARS SPENT WERE A WASTE OR NOT!

WE MAY BE ASKING FOR HELP, BUT REST ASSURED, WE WILL NOT BE LENIENT WITH THE GRADING!



THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE LET ME IN!!

BUT THIS TIME, I'LL BE THE ONE ASKING YOU!!

THANK YOU.

SURE ...

...ANOTHER SPOT IS OPEN IN THE ZODIACS?

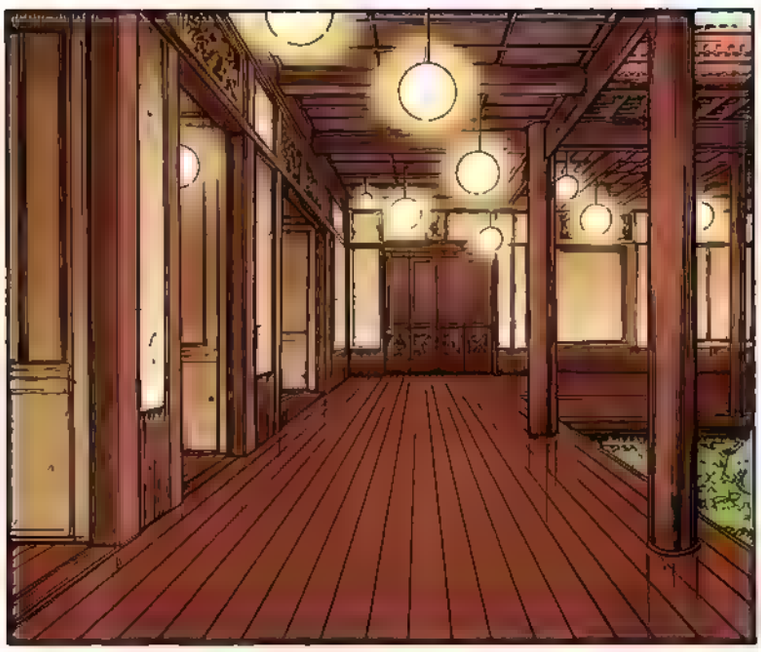
IS THERE A CHANCE THAT...

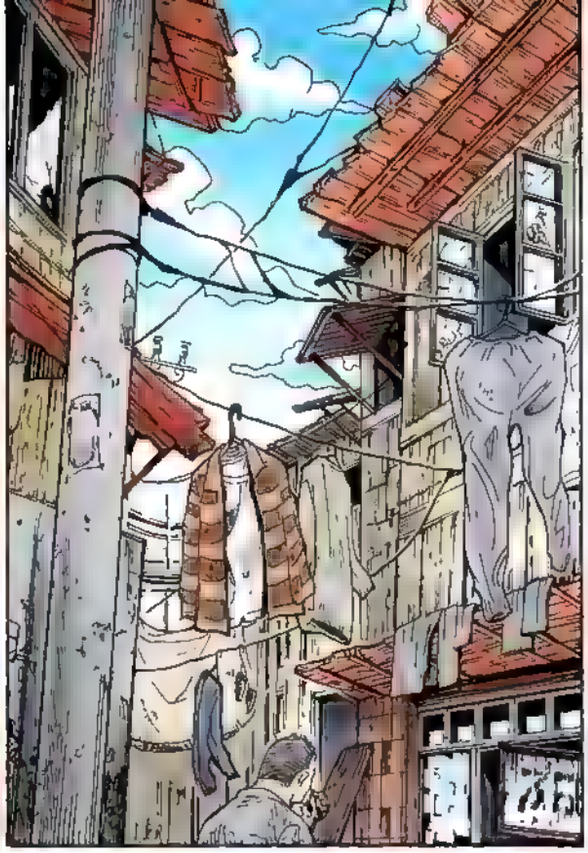
CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

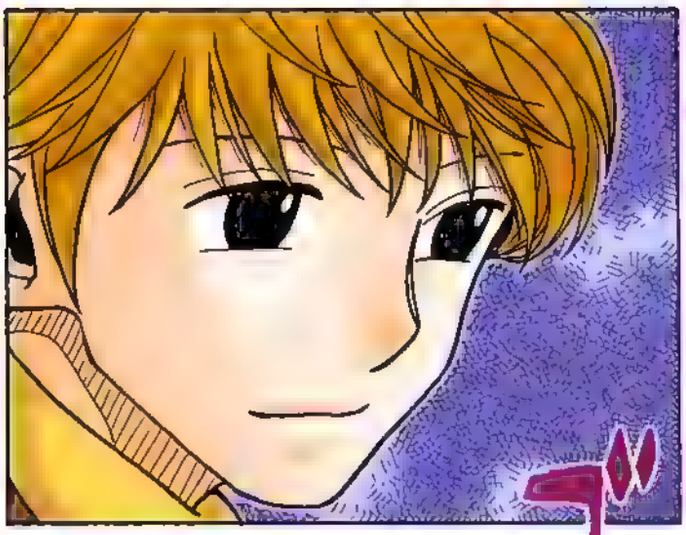
BUT...

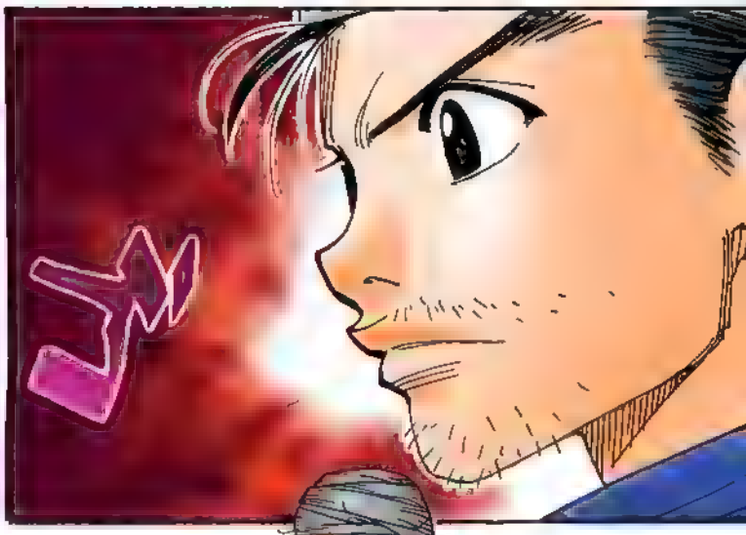
...I'D LIKE TO RECOMMEND.

THERE'S SOMEONE...









PLUS, NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ONLY BE A NUISANCE SINCE THE HUNTER EXAM IS COMING UP.

IT WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE IF THE ASSOCIATION WERE TO FOLLOW MY REQUEST.

...WHAT GAVE YOU THE IDEA THAT I MADE 2 CHOICES?

WELL, I WASN'T KEEPING IT A SECRET.

AREN'T YOU WONDERING AS TO HOW I KNEW YOU WERE HIDING CHIMERA ANTS?

YOU'RE NOT EVEN THINKING OF NEGOTIATIONS, ARE YOU? YOU'RE USING YOUR 2 WAY CHOICE AS A MEANS TO ENTERTAIN YOURSELF.

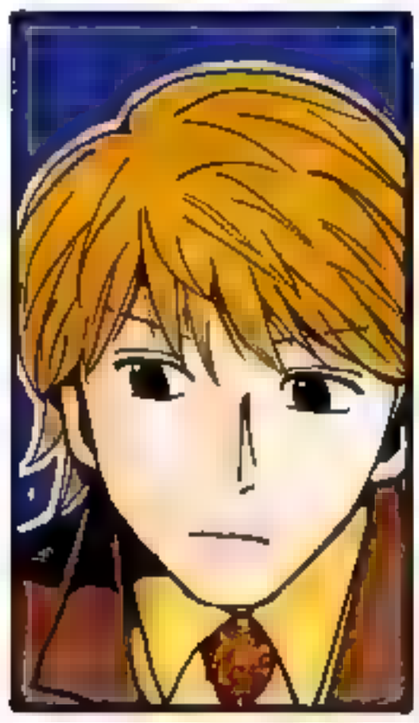
...TO YOU GUYS, THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST MODERATE AND BORING WAY.

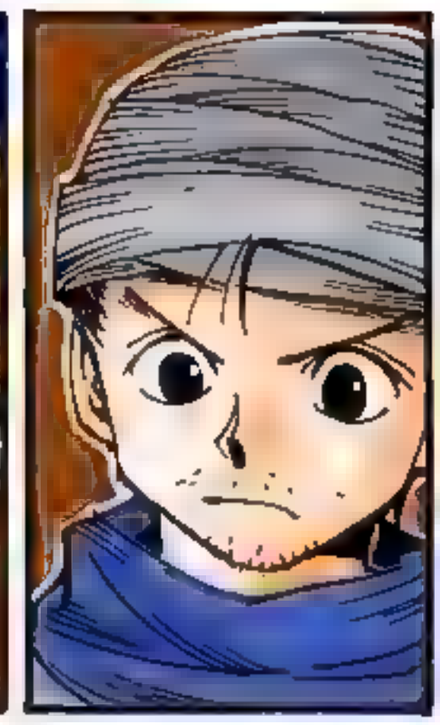
BUT...

THAT SEEMS LIKE THE MOST LOGICAL AND REALISTIC WAY.

CHEADLE WILL ONLY RECRUIT THOSE MOST ELIGIBLE FROM THE HUNTER EXAM, AND MOVE IN DIFFERENT GROUPS.

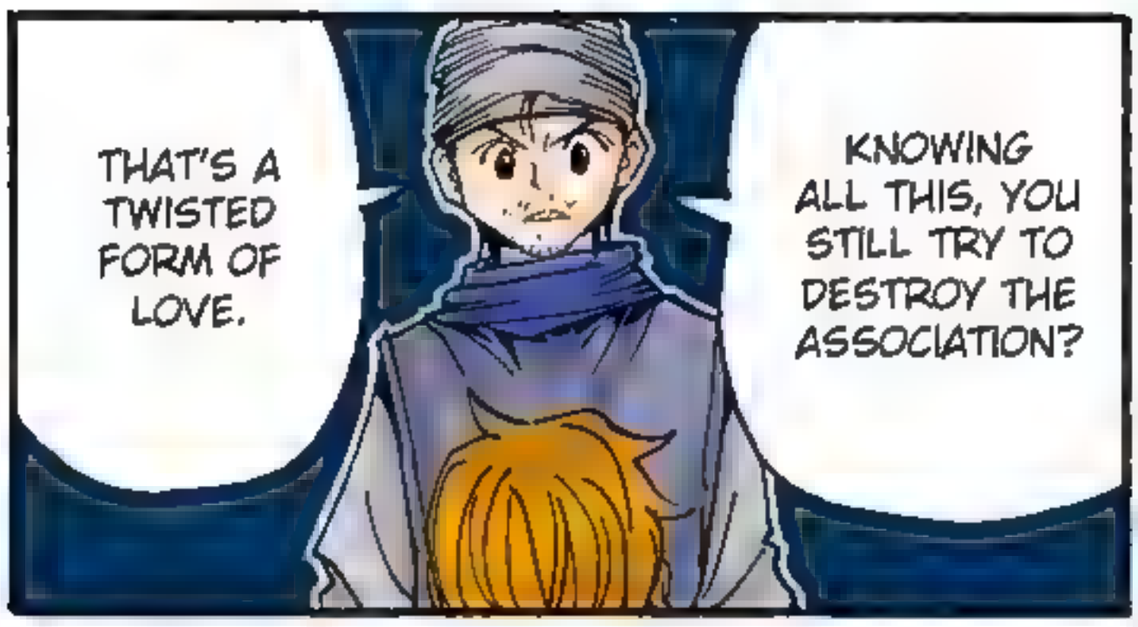
THE ASSOCIATION HAS TO ACCEPT MY TERMS TO OFFICIALLY MAKE IT TO THE DARK CONTINENT. THEY NEED A GOOD PERSONNEL, BUT COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS IS SLOW AND USELESS. GAMBLING IT ALL ON PRIVATE CONTRACTORS WOULD ONLY RISK IT AND LEAD TO DISPUTING CONTRACTS AND DISTRIBUTION INTEREST.

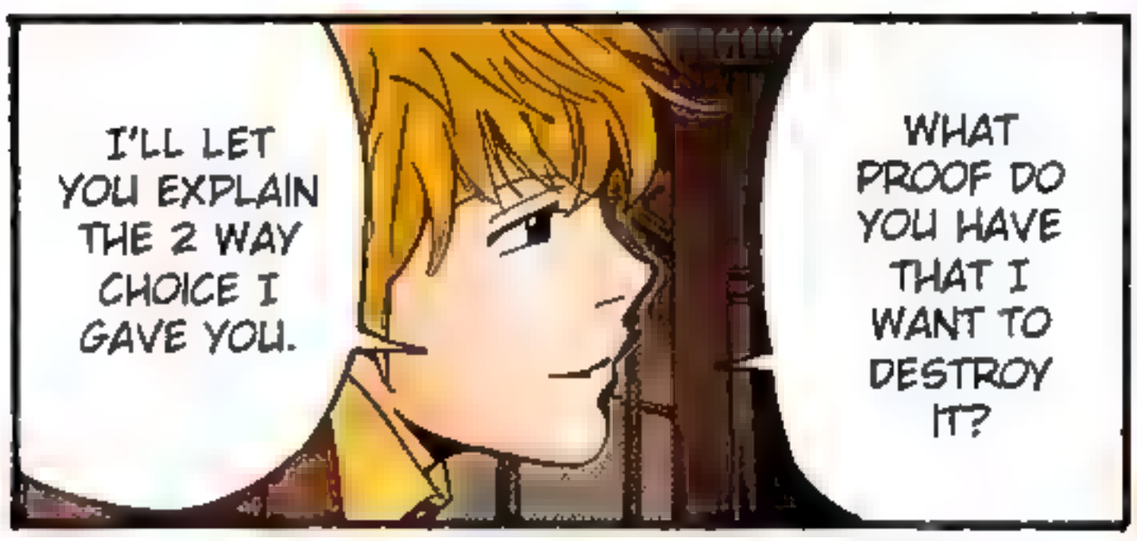


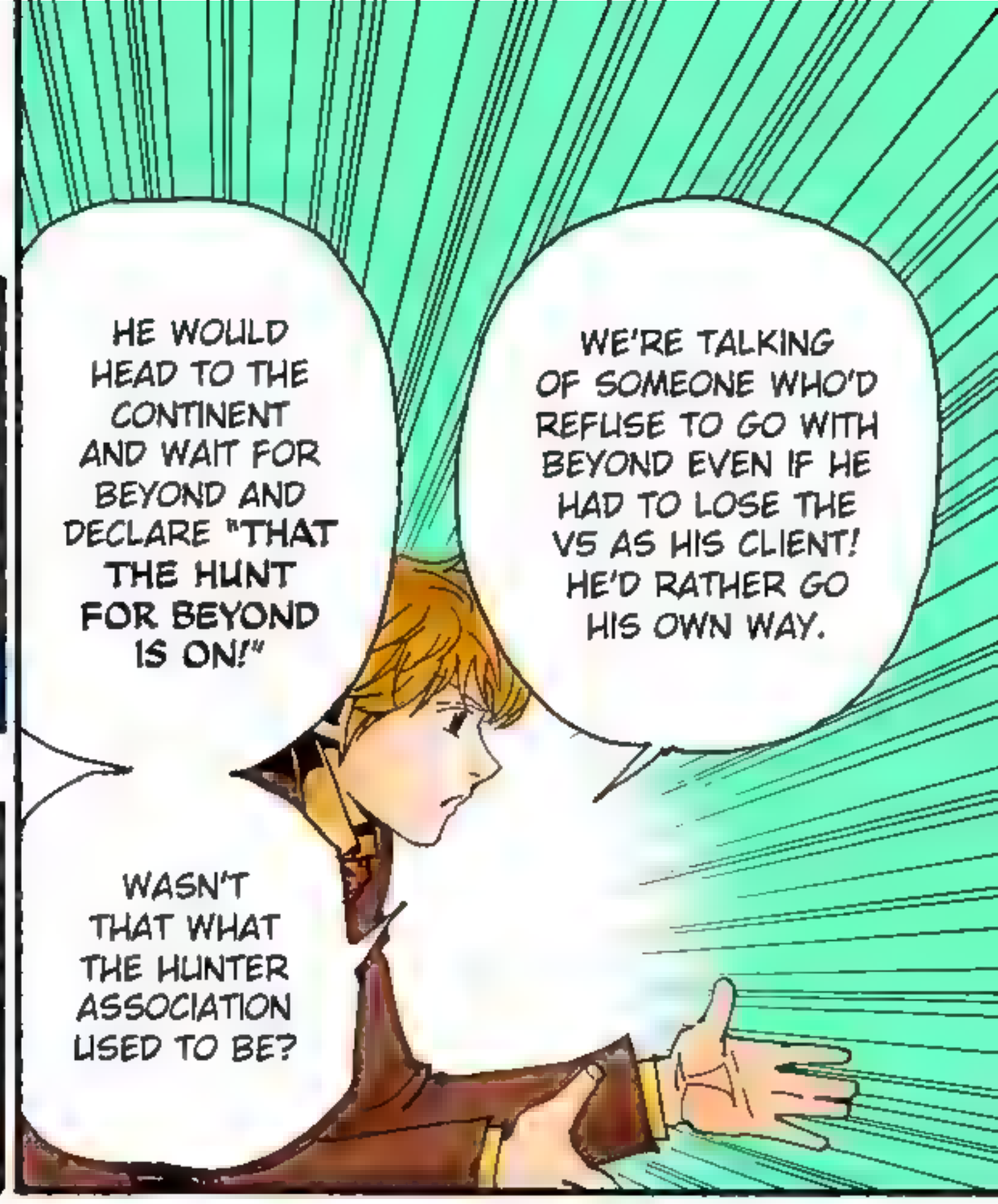


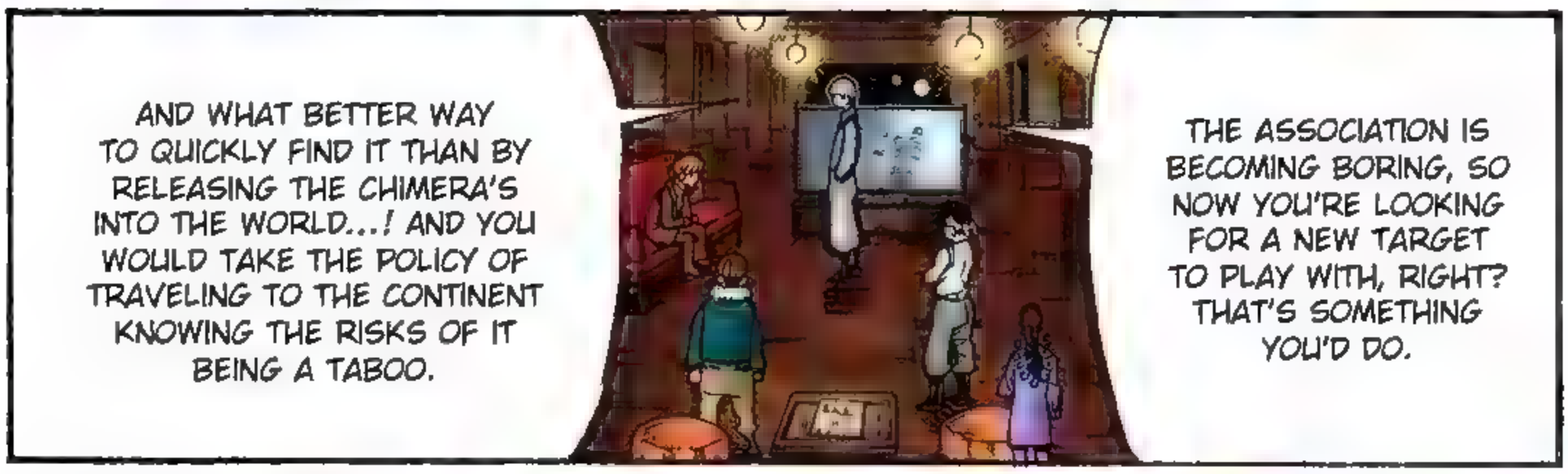
NO, HE'D NEVER DO IT!

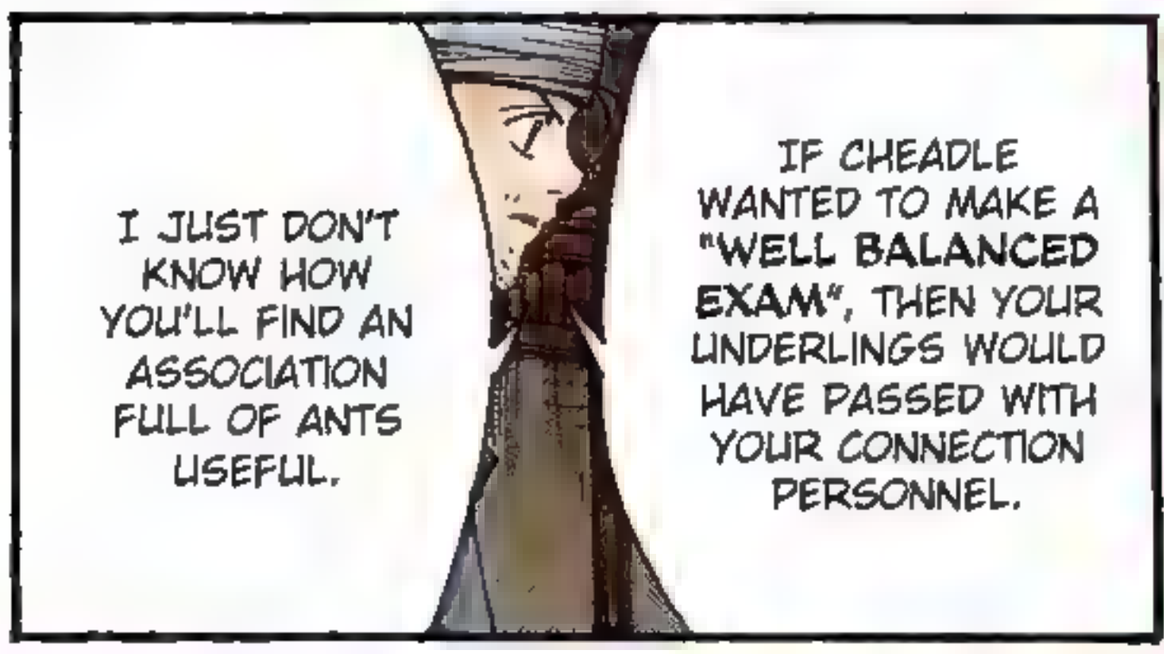
NETERO WOULD-

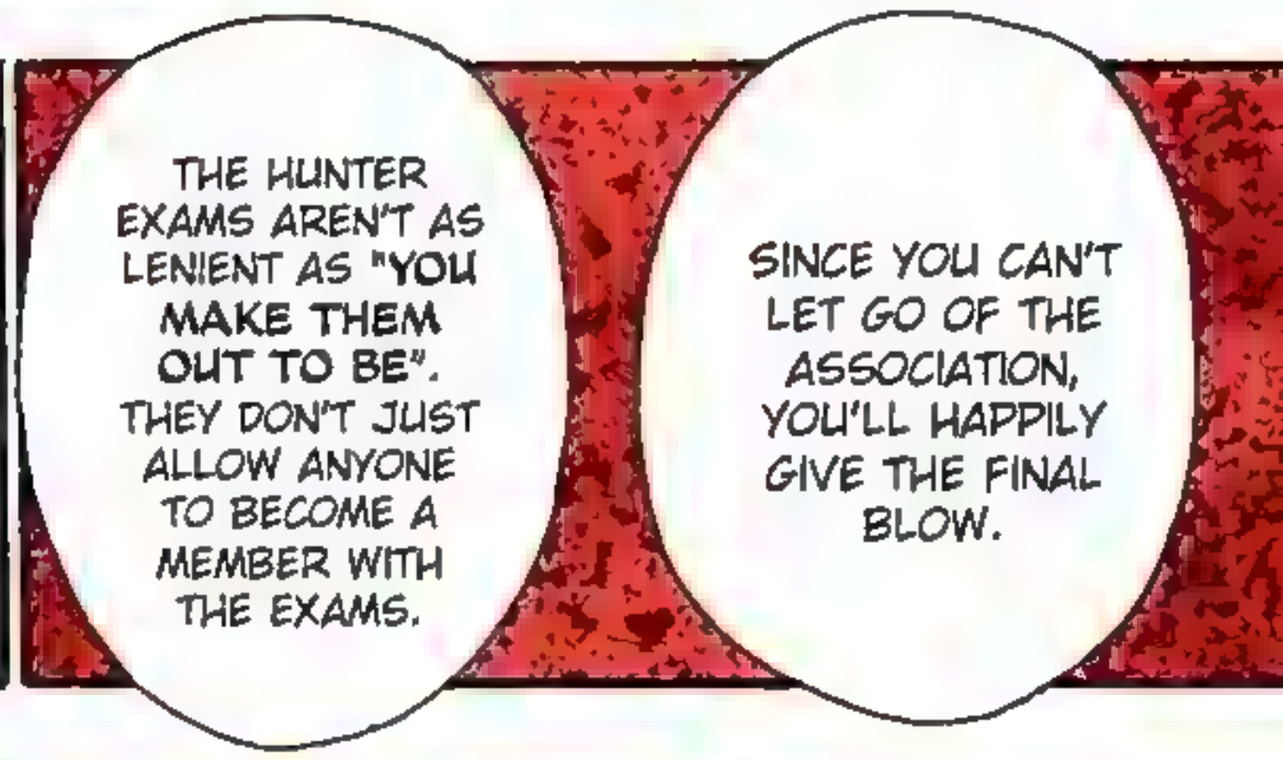

THAT'S A TWISTED FORM OF LOVE.
KNOWING ALL THIS, YOU STILL TRY TO DESTROY THE ASSOCIATION?

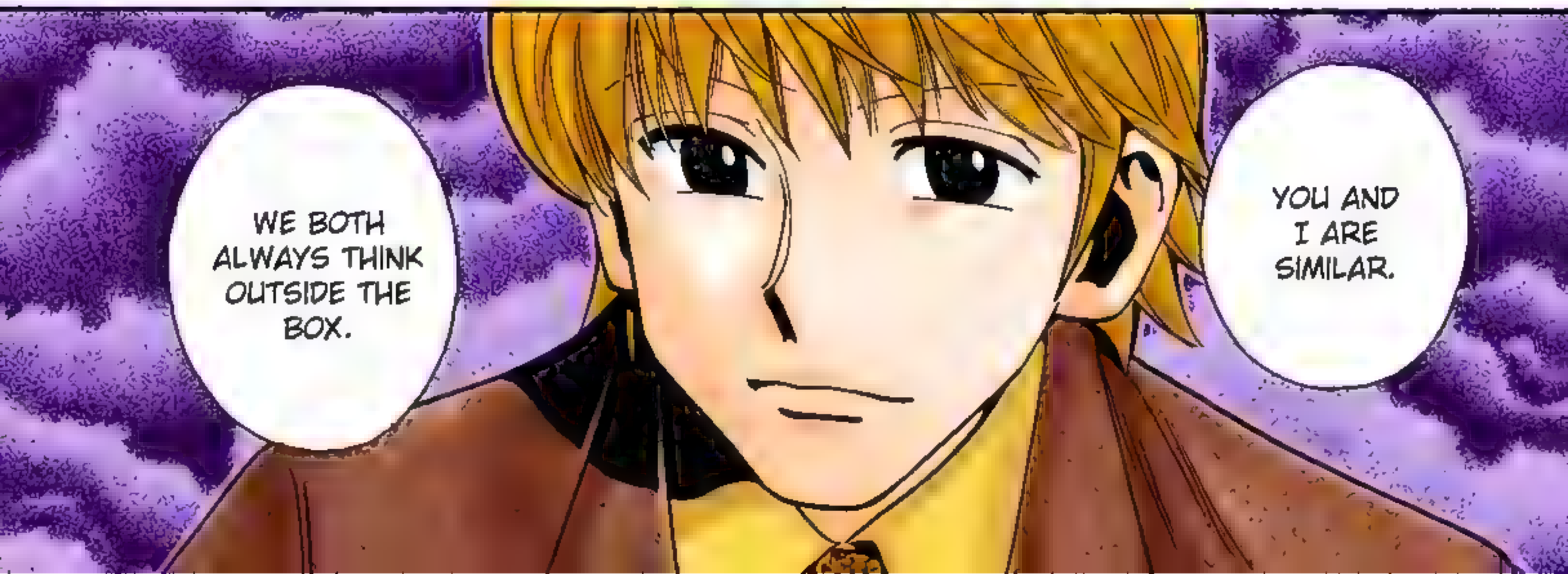

I'LL LET YOU EXPLAIN THE 2 WAY CHOICE I GAVE YOU.
WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE THAT I WANT TO DESTROY IT?


HE WOULD HEAD TO THE CONTINENT AND WAIT FOR BEYOND AND DECLARE "THAT THE HUNT FOR BEYOND IS ON!"
WE'RE TALKING OF SOMEONE WHO'D REFUSE TO GO WITH BEYOND EVEN IF HE HAD TO LOSE THE VS AS HIS CLIENT! HE'D RATHER GO HIS OWN WAY.
WASN'T THAT WHAT THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION USED TO BE?


AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO QUICKLY FIND IT THAN BY RELEASING THE CHIMERA'S INTO THE WORLD...! AND YOU WOULD TAKE THE POLICY OF TRAVELING TO THE CONTINENT KNOWING THE RISKS OF IT BEING A TABOO.
THE ASSOCIATION IS BECOMING BORING, SO NOW YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW TARGET TO PLAY WITH, RIGHT? THAT'S SOMETHING YOU'D DO.

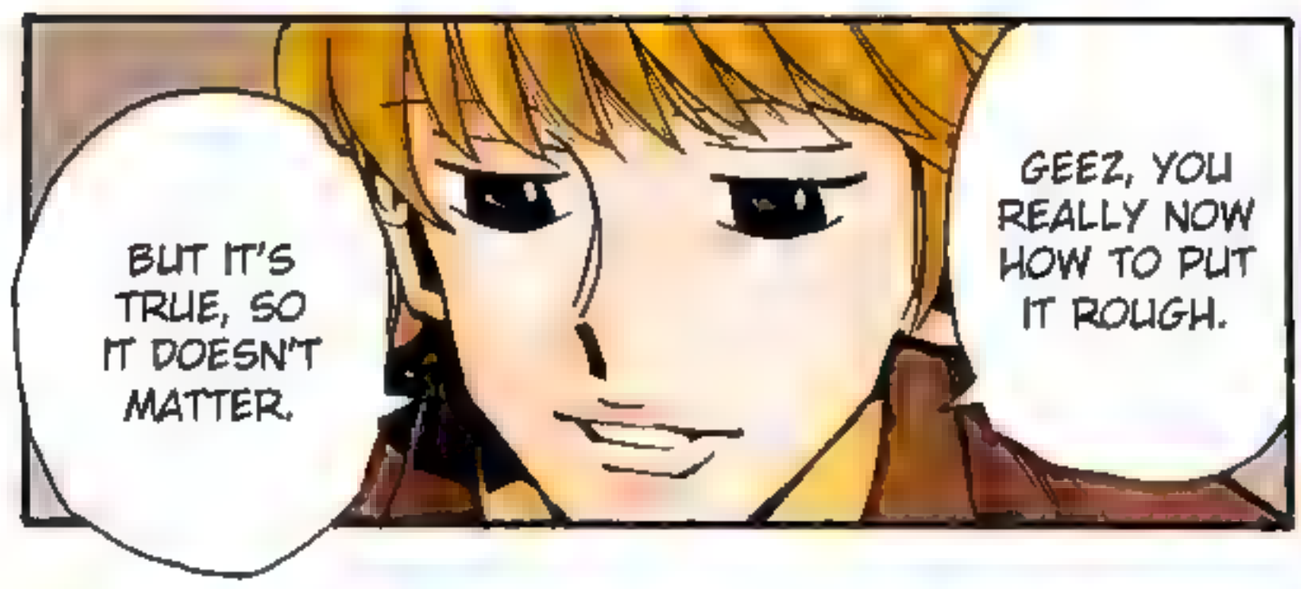

I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'LL FIND AN ASSOCIATION FULL OF ANTS USEFUL.
IF CHEADLE WANTED TO MAKE A "WELL BALANCED EXAM", THEN YOUR UNDERLINGS WOULD HAVE PASSED WITH YOUR CONNECTION PERSONNEL.

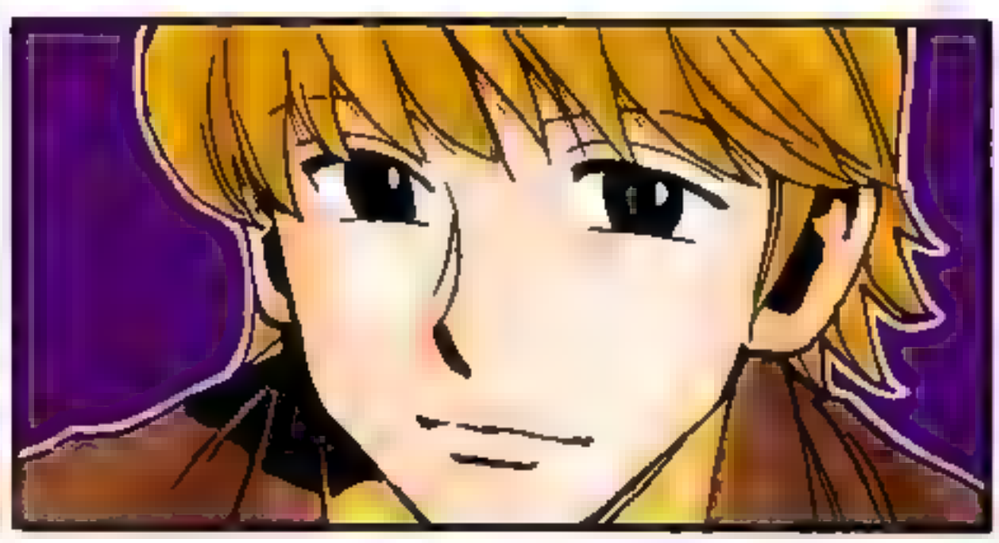

THE HUNTER EXAMS AREN'T AS LENIENT AS "YOU MAKE THEM OUT TO BE". THEY DON'T JUST ALLOW ANYONE TO BECOME A MEMBER WITH THE EXAMS.
SINCE YOU CAN'T LET GO OF THE ASSOCIATION, YOU'LL HAPPILY GIVE THE FINAL BLOW.

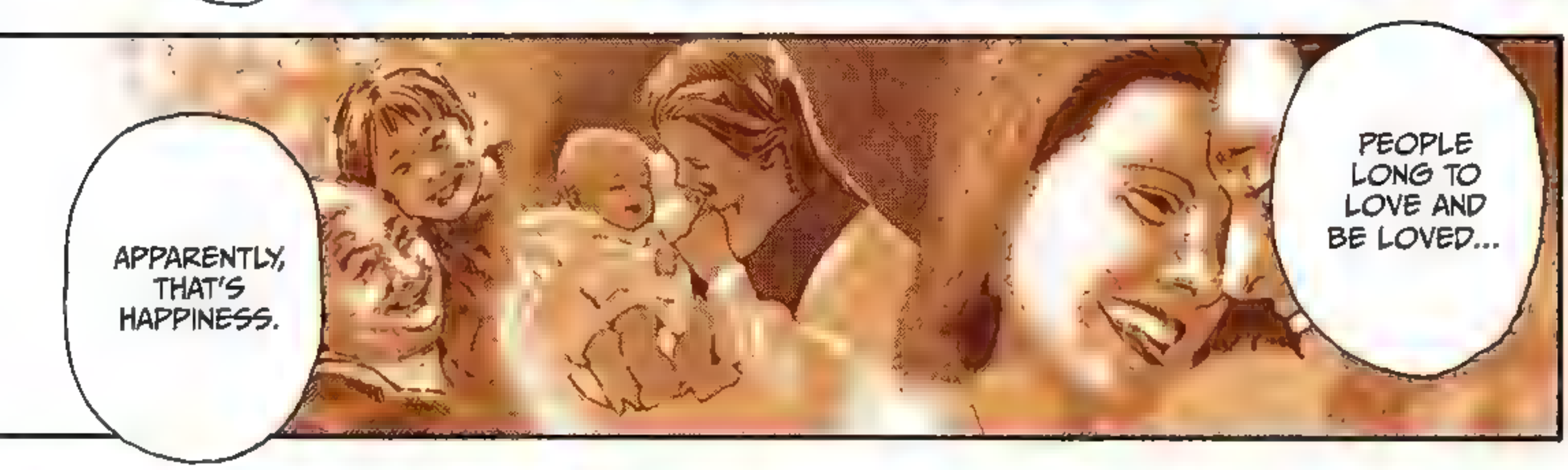

WE BOTH ALWAYS THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.
YOU AND I ARE SIMILAR.

YOU BASTARD.

THAT'S THE ROOT OF IT ALL.







I HAVE THIS URGE TO HURT THE THINGS I LOVE MOST.

HOWEVER, I FEEL HAPPY WHEN OTHERS HATE ME.

BUT YOU'RE COMPLETELY OFF THE CHARTS.

DEPENDS ON HOW FAR IT GOES.

...AND THAT'S THE ONE PART THAT MAKES US DIFFERENT.

BUG OFF, BALDIE.

YOU MAY NOT.

UHH... DO YOU MIND IF I MAY?

BUT I WAITED FOR SO LONG...

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COMING HERE SHOWING THAT SMUG OF HIS-

HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY, THIS GUY'S A TOP CLASS IDIOT!!!

BUT IS IT REALLY THAT STRANGE?

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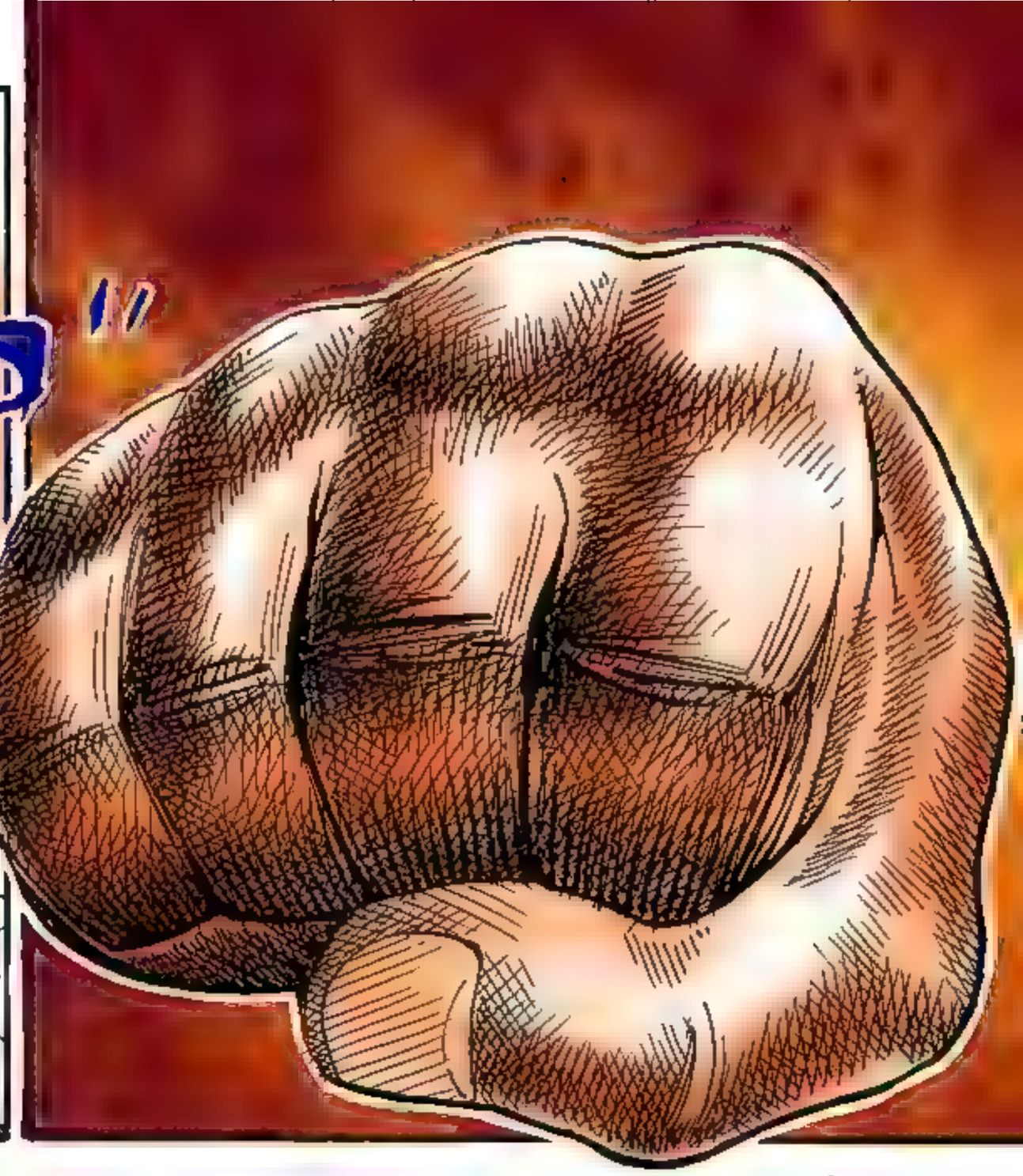

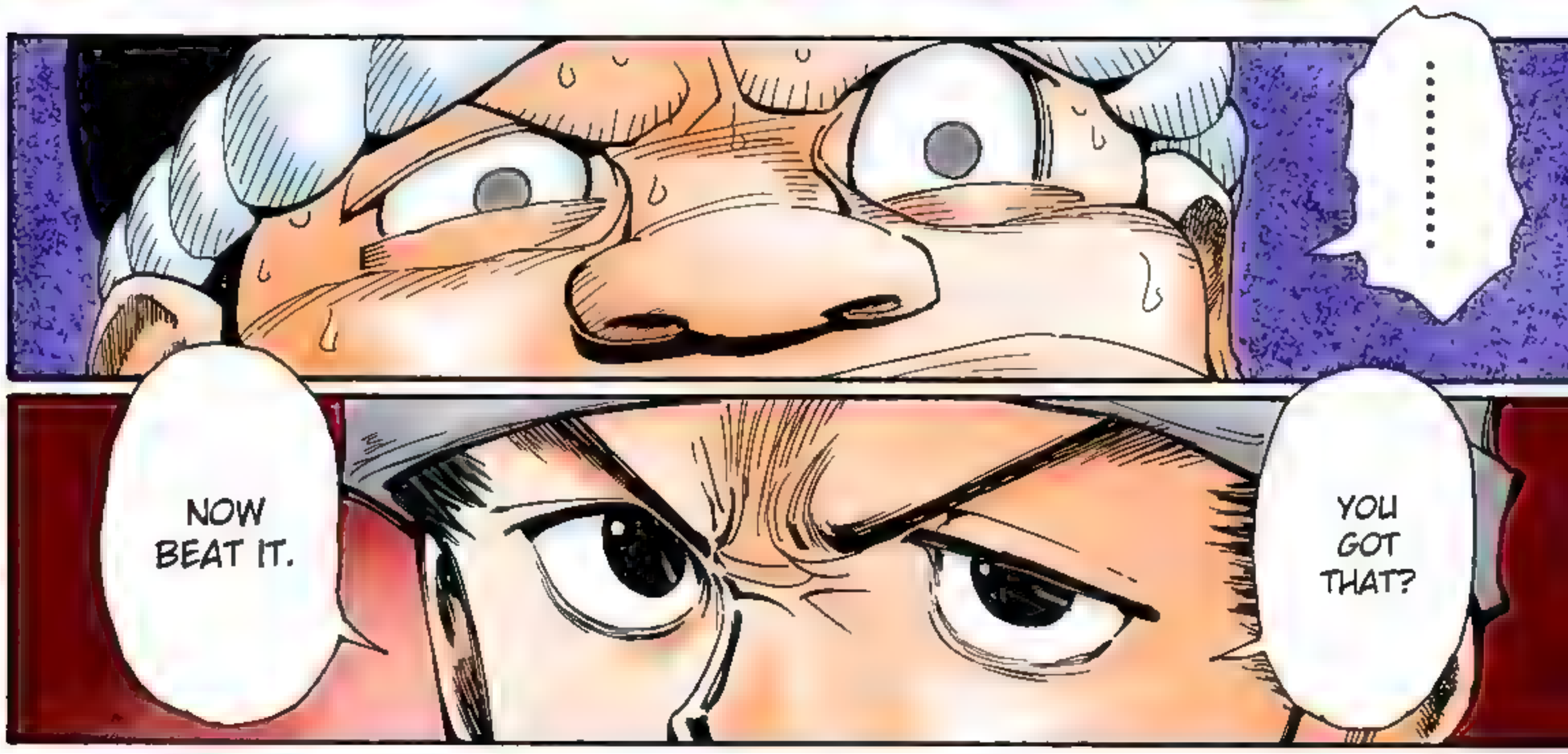
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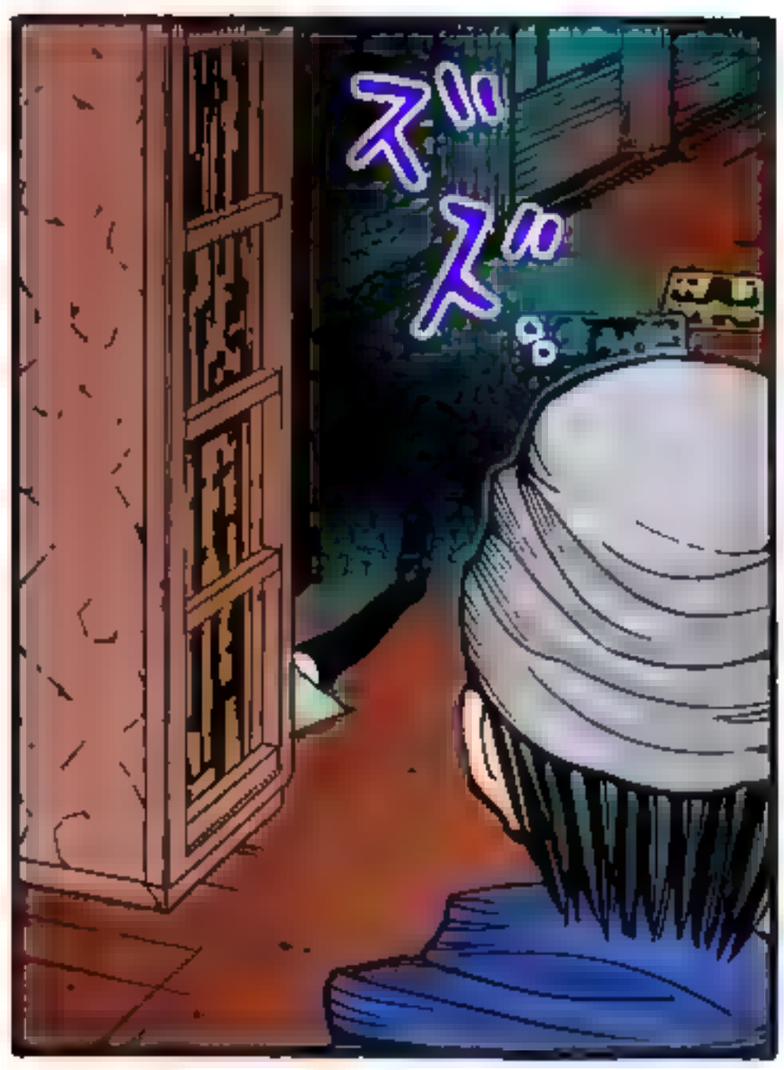
NOW BEAT IT.
YOU GOT THAT?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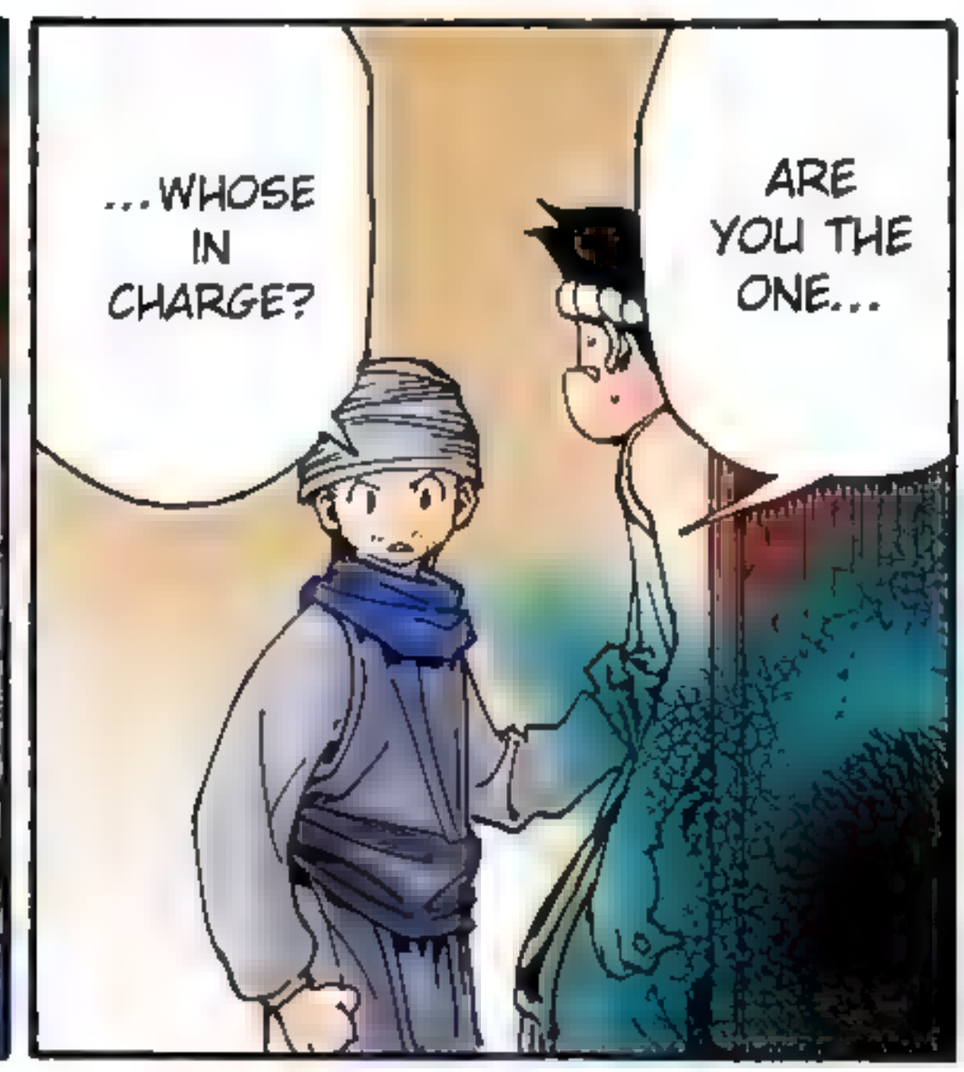
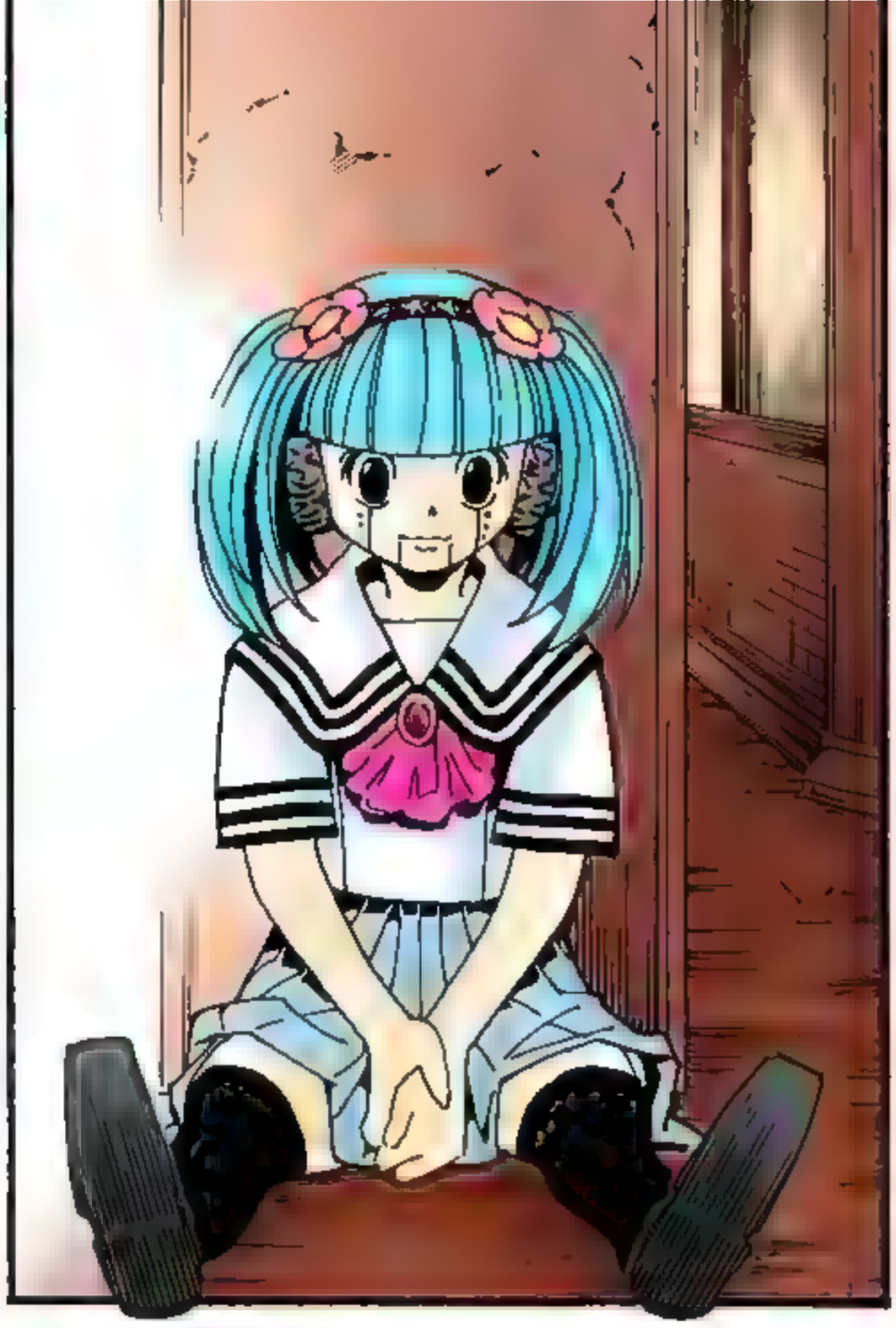

...WHOSE IN CHARGE?
ARE YOU THE ONE...

I WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE NO.2.

HAHAHA, COME ON NOW, GING...

YOU SURE LIKE TO LOOK DOWN ON ME.

GUESS IT'S NOT DECIDED BY THE STRONGEST.



BUT SINCE THAT ISN'T THE CASE, IT'S VERY TROUBLING.

THIS WOULD'VE ENDED SOONER IF YOU WERE JUST SOME PLAIN MUSCLEHEAD TO BEAT UP.

MHHM. ♪

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I CAN ONLY BREAK YOUR SPIRIT TILL YOU GIVE UP.

EVEN IF I PUMMELED YOU TILL YOU COUGH BLOOD, YOU'D JUST LAUGH IT UP.

IF ANYONE HAS AN ISSUE WITH THAT, COME FORWARD.

AS OF TODAY, I'M NO.2

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WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
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HE STEPPED OUT.
PLEASE COME BACK LATER.
IS KURAPIKA HERE?
I'M FROM THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION.
CAN I HAVE SOME COFFEE? I'LL ADD THE MILK MYSELF.
IN THAT CASE, I'LL WAIT HERE TILL HE RETURNS.

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER.

I'M WARNING YOU NOW.

WE'LL MAKE SURE TO SEND YOU THERE!!!

IF YOU WANNA TALK SMACK, SAVE IT FOR THE HOSPITAL, MORON!!!

I'M A CRIME HUNTER WITH SPECIAL INVESTIGATION AUTHORITY!

I WILL NOT TOLERATE VIOLENCE!!

"RES-TRAINT" !!

!?
MOVE ...?!
CAN'T ...
I...

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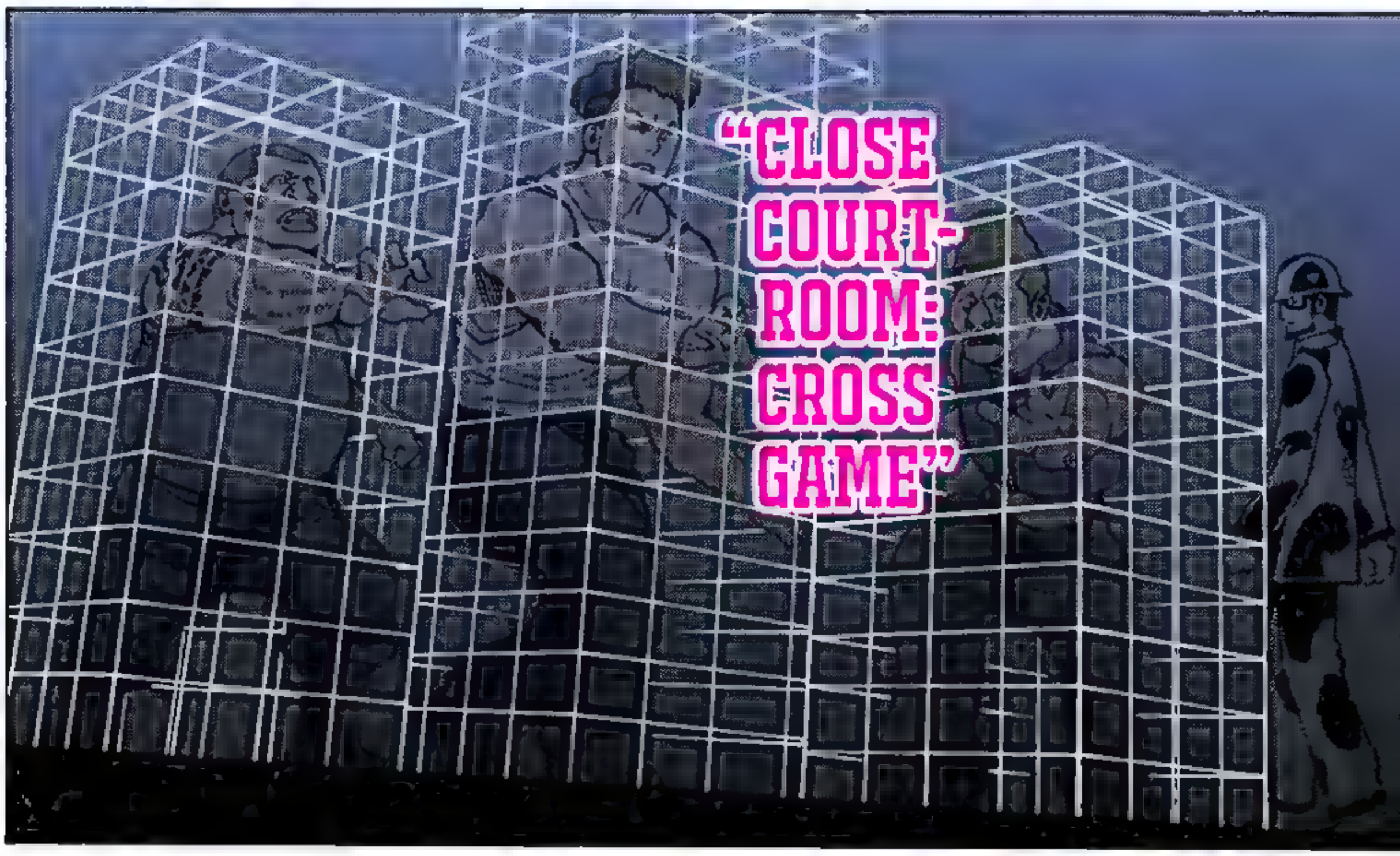
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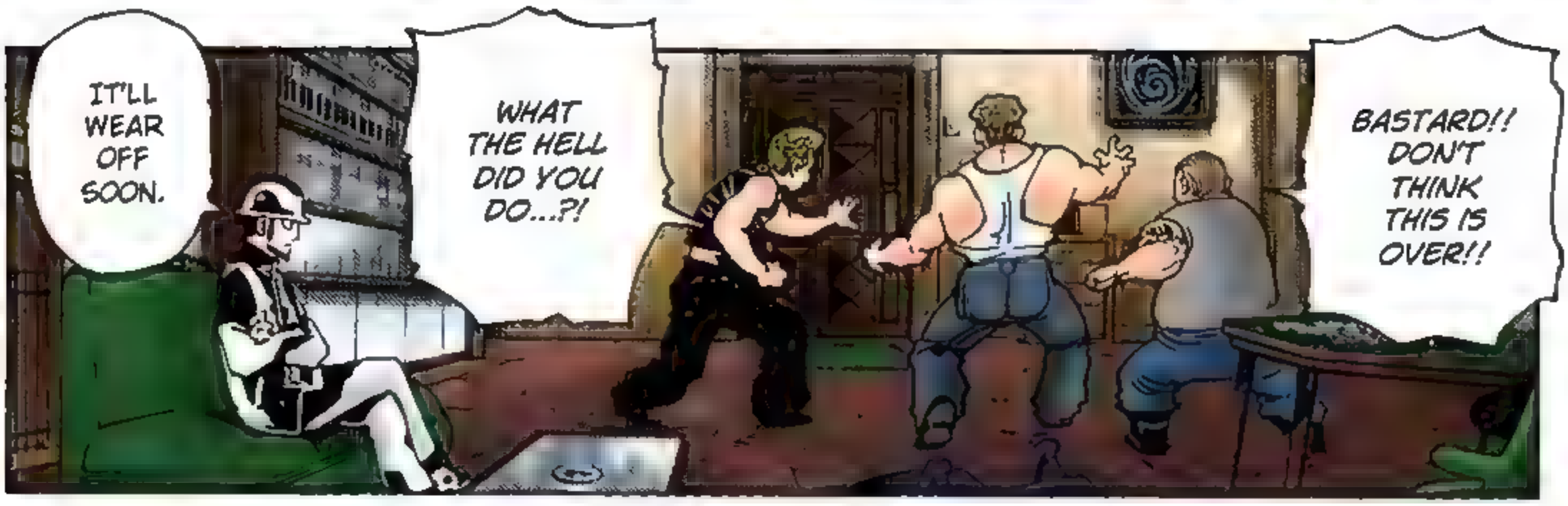
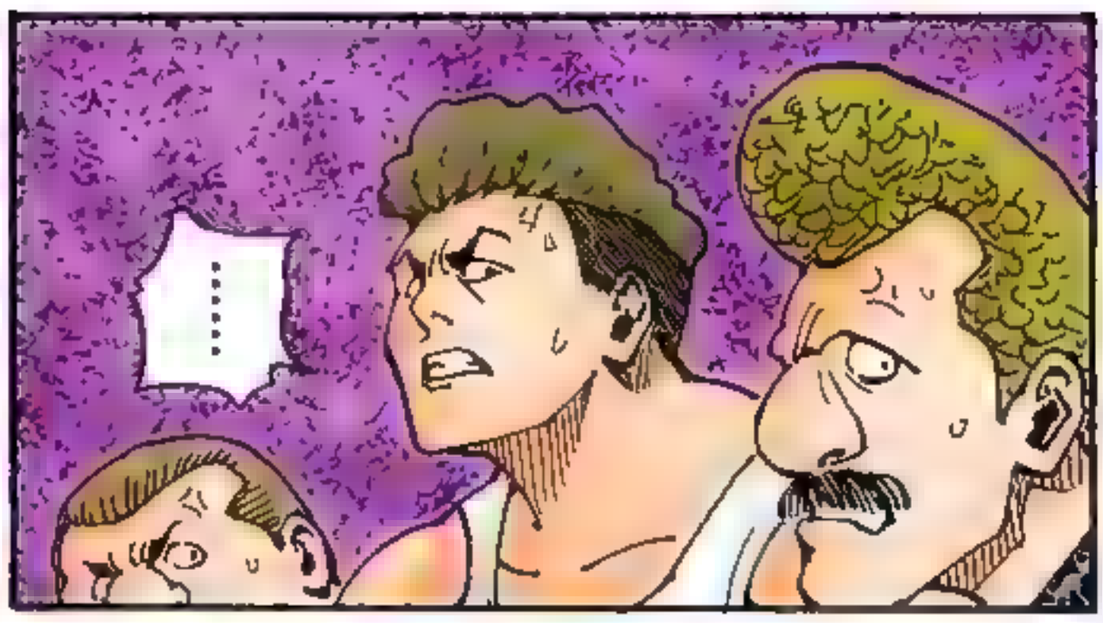

IT'LL WEAR OFF SOON.
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO...?!
BASTARD!! DON'T THINK THIS IS OVER!!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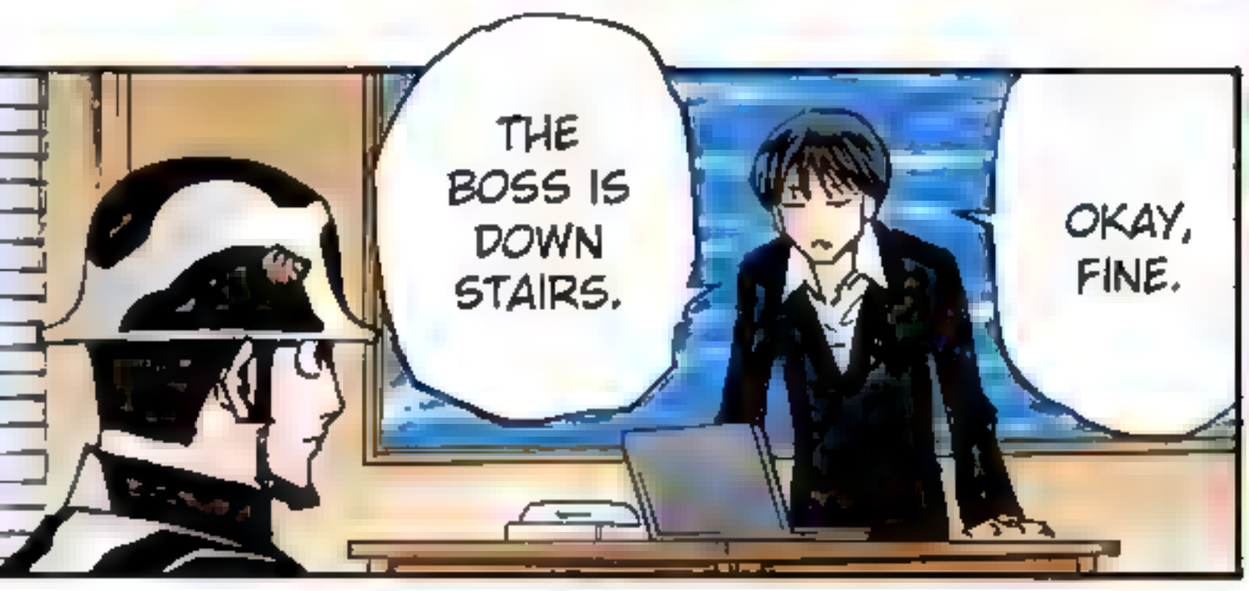
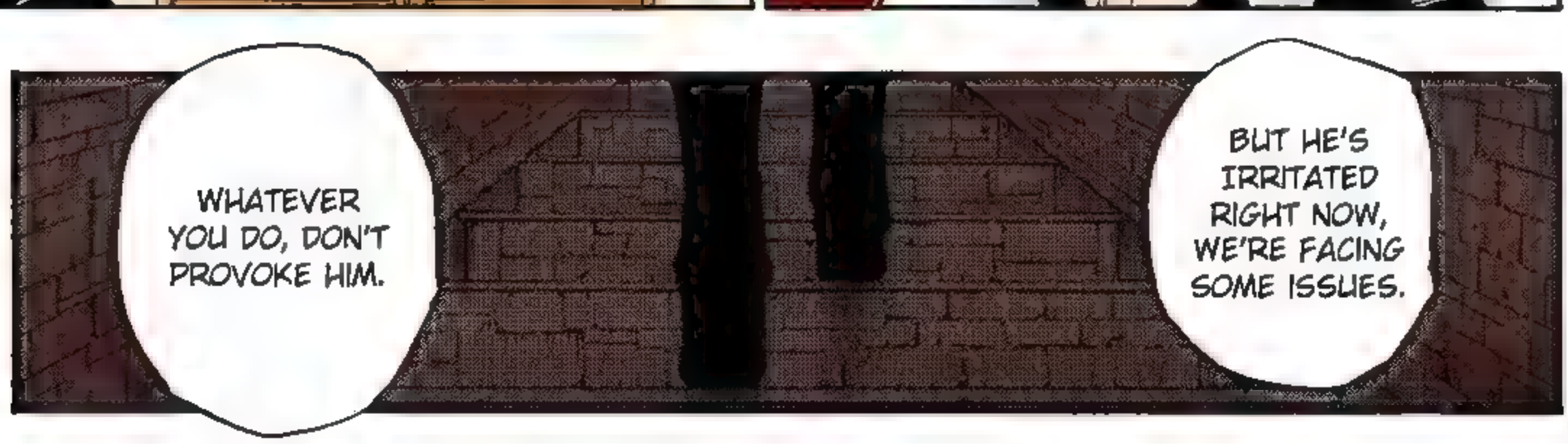
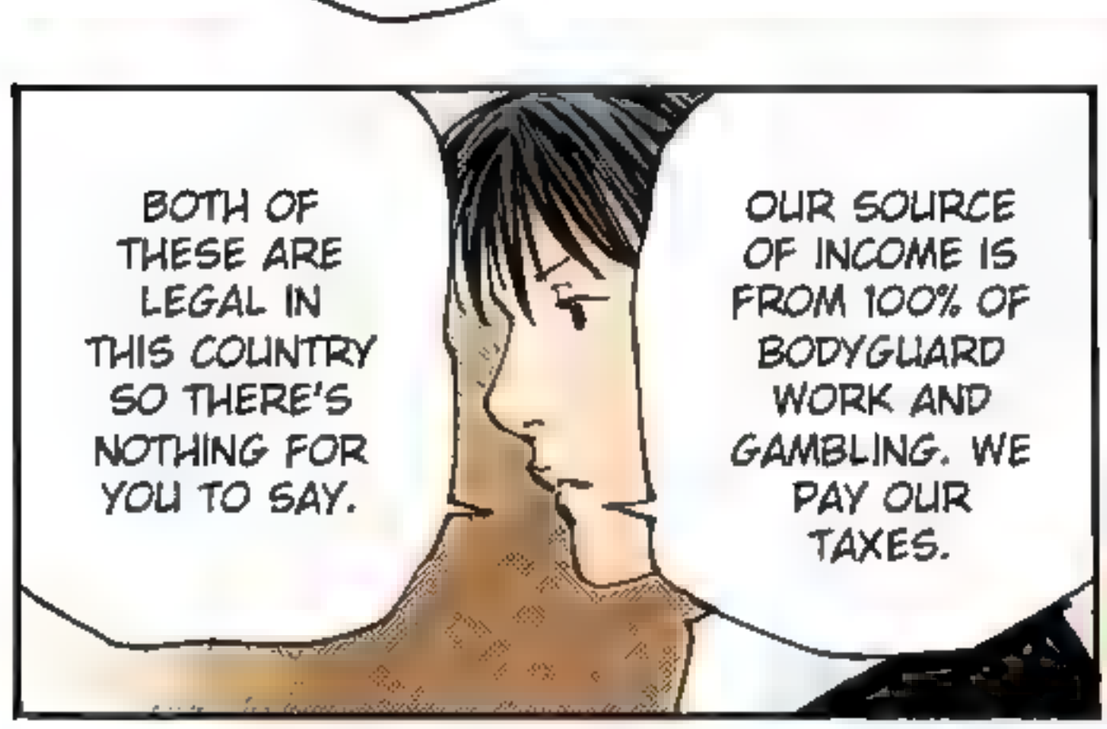
I'M WARNING YOU AGAIN! DON'T MOVE.
I'LL DO IT AGAIN IF YOU GUYS TRY ANYTHING FUNNY.
AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES.

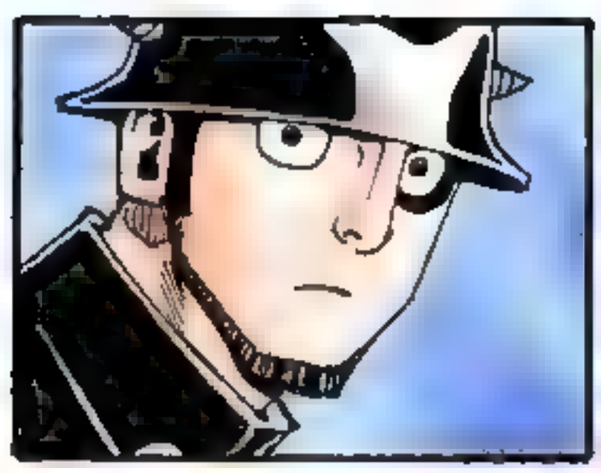

THE BOSS IS DOWN STAIRS.
OKAY, FINE.

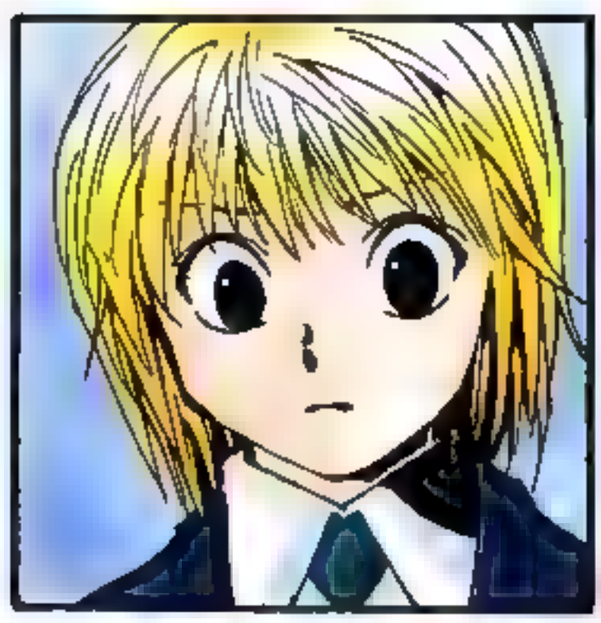

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T PROVOKE HIM.
BUT HE'S IRRITATED RIGHT NOW, WE'RE FACING SOME ISSUES.

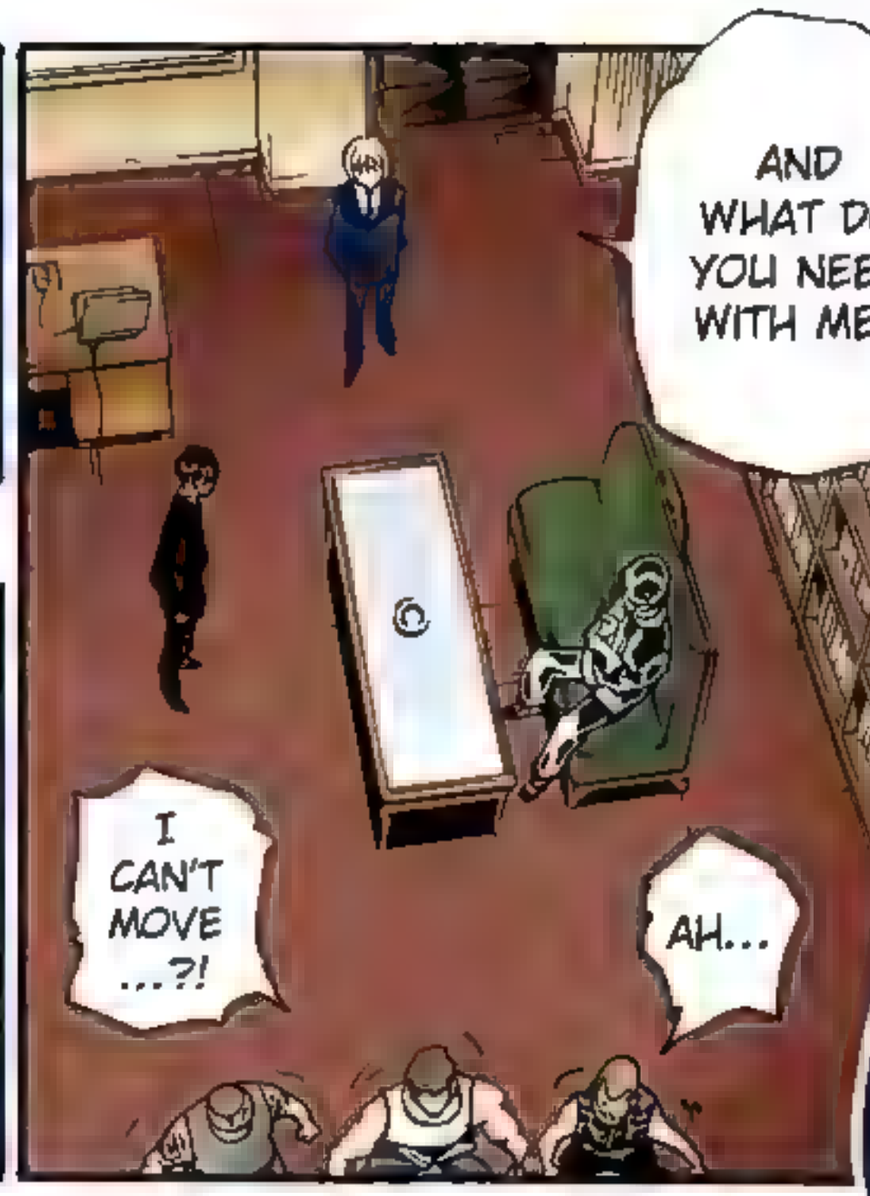

BOTH OF THESE ARE LEGAL IN THIS COUNTRY SO THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO SAY.
OUR SOURCE OF INCOME IS FROM 100% OF BODYGUARD WORK AND GAMBLING. WE PAY OUR TAXES.

WE'RE NOT SOME KIND OF CRIME SYNDICATE.
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?
...YOU'RE A HUNTER TOO, IS THIS YOUR REAL OCCUPATION?

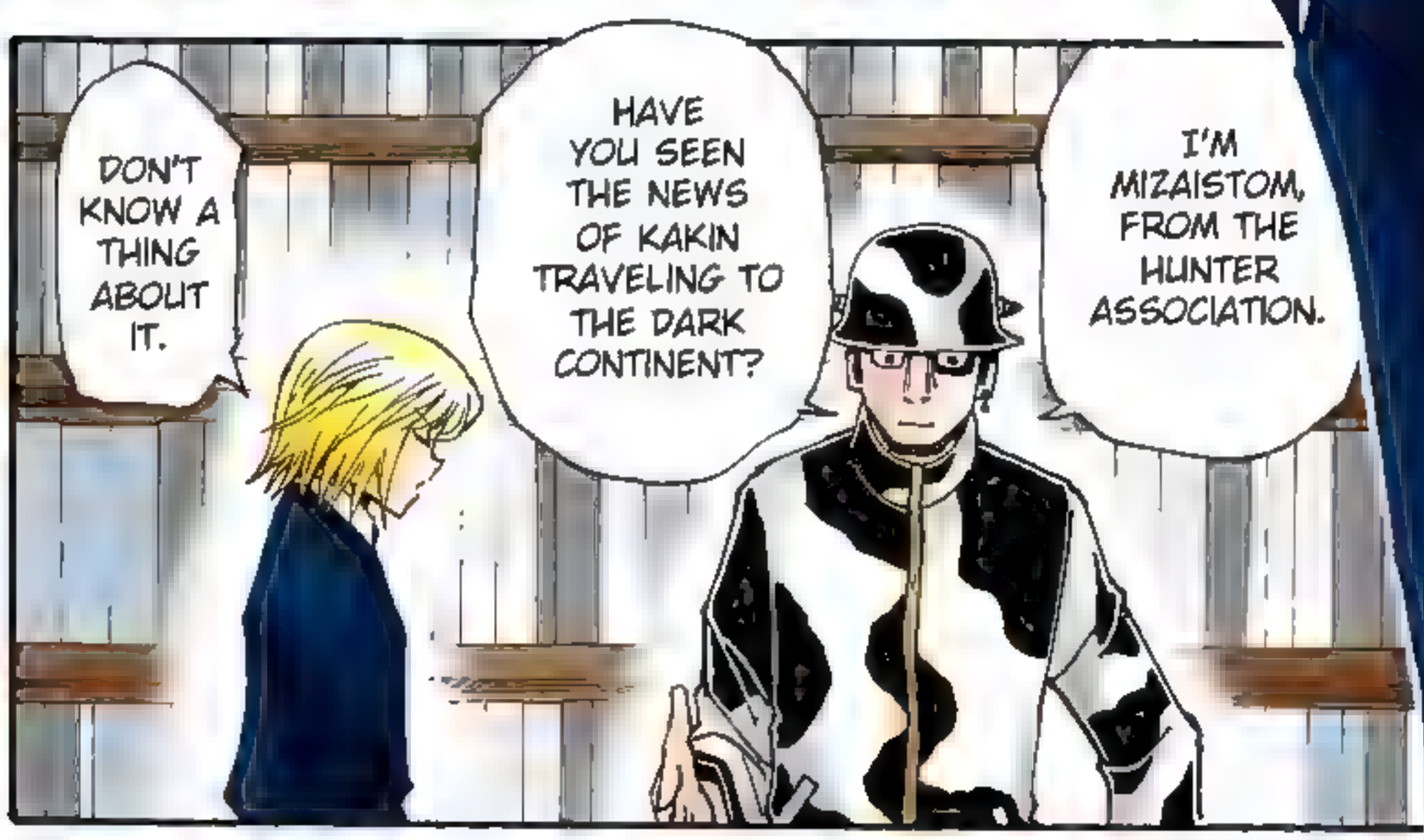
IT SURE IS NOISY HERE.

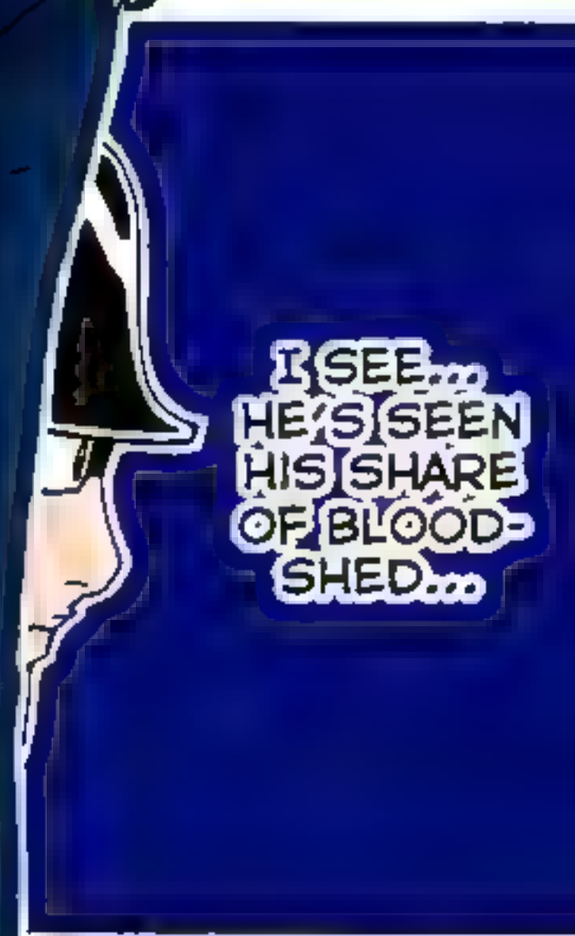




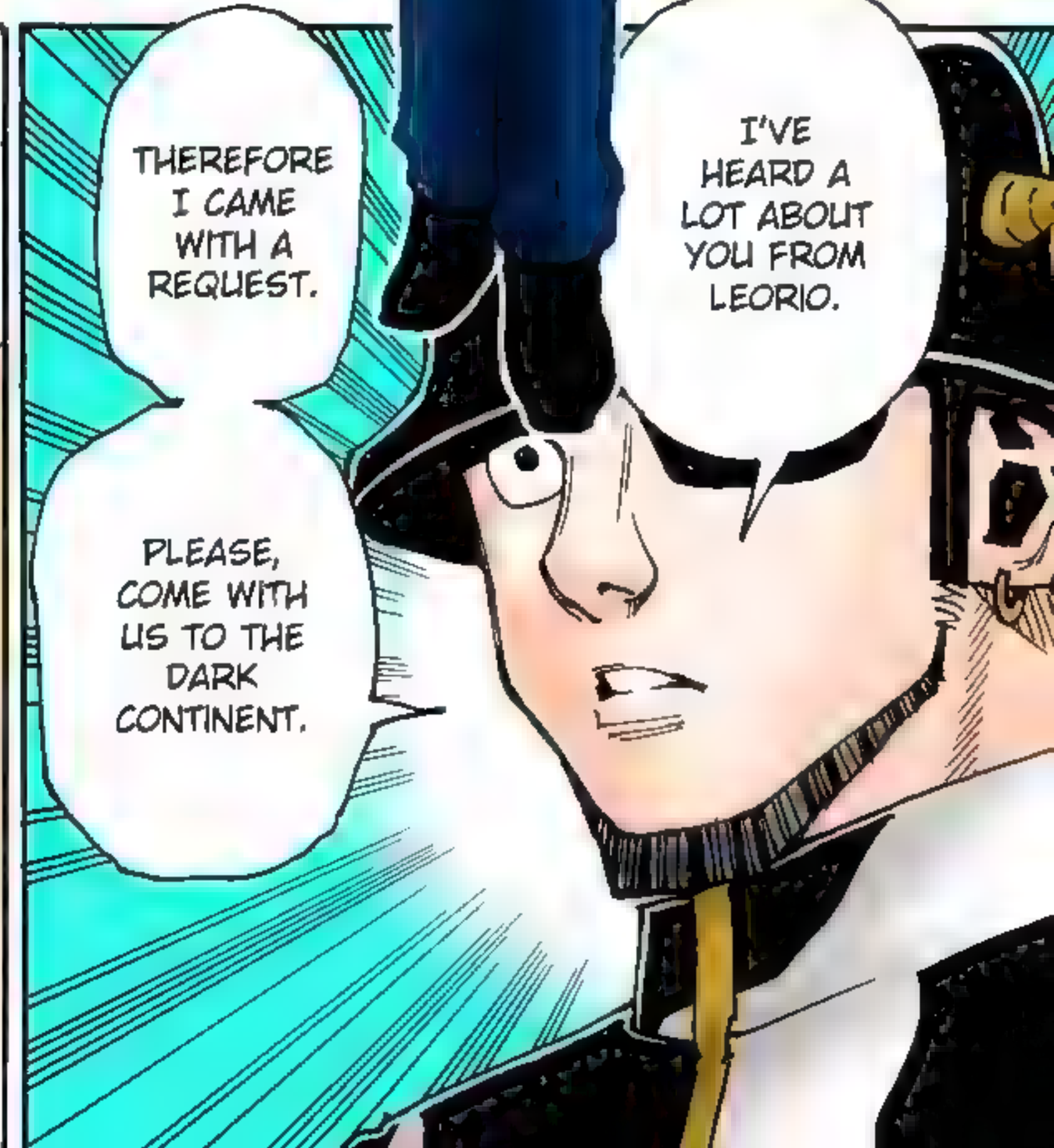

I CAN'T MOVE ...?!
AH...

AND WHAT DO YOU NEED WITH ME?
WHO ARE YOU?

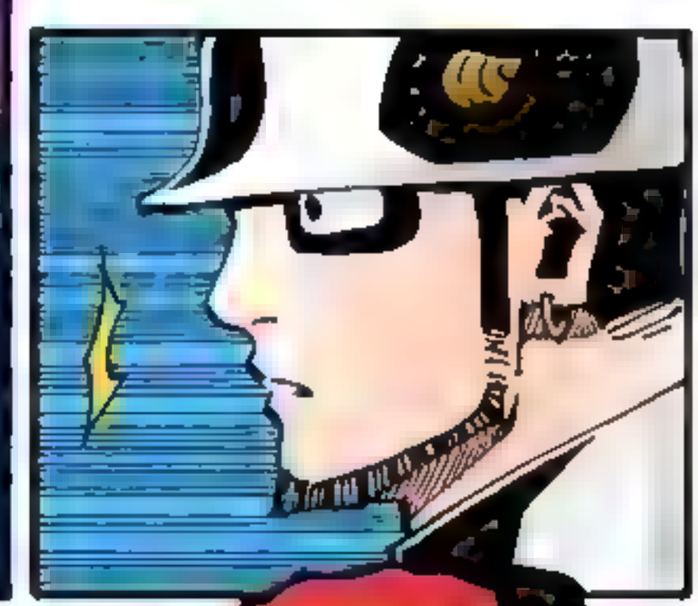

DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT IT.
HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEWS OF KAKIN TRAVELING TO THE DARK CONTINENT?
I'M MIZAISTOM, FROM THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION.


I SEE... HE'S SEEN HIS SHARE OF BLOOD-SHED...

I'M A BUSY PERSON.
I REFUSE.
WAS THAT ALL?


THEREFORE I CAME WITH A REQUEST.
PLEASE, COME WITH US TO THE DARK CONTINENT.
I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU FROM LEORIO.

BUT I HEARD THAT YOU WERE SEEKING SOMETHING... THE SCARLET EYES OF YOUR FALLEN COMRADES.



YOU BETTER CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WISELY.

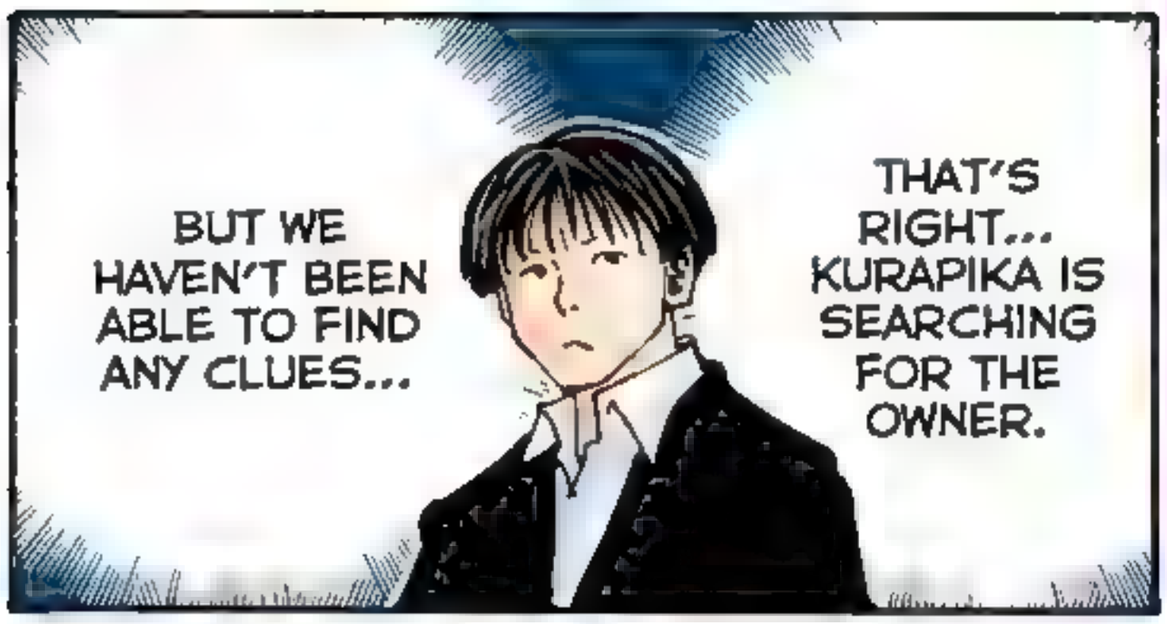
FROM THIS POINT ON...

WHAT OF IT?

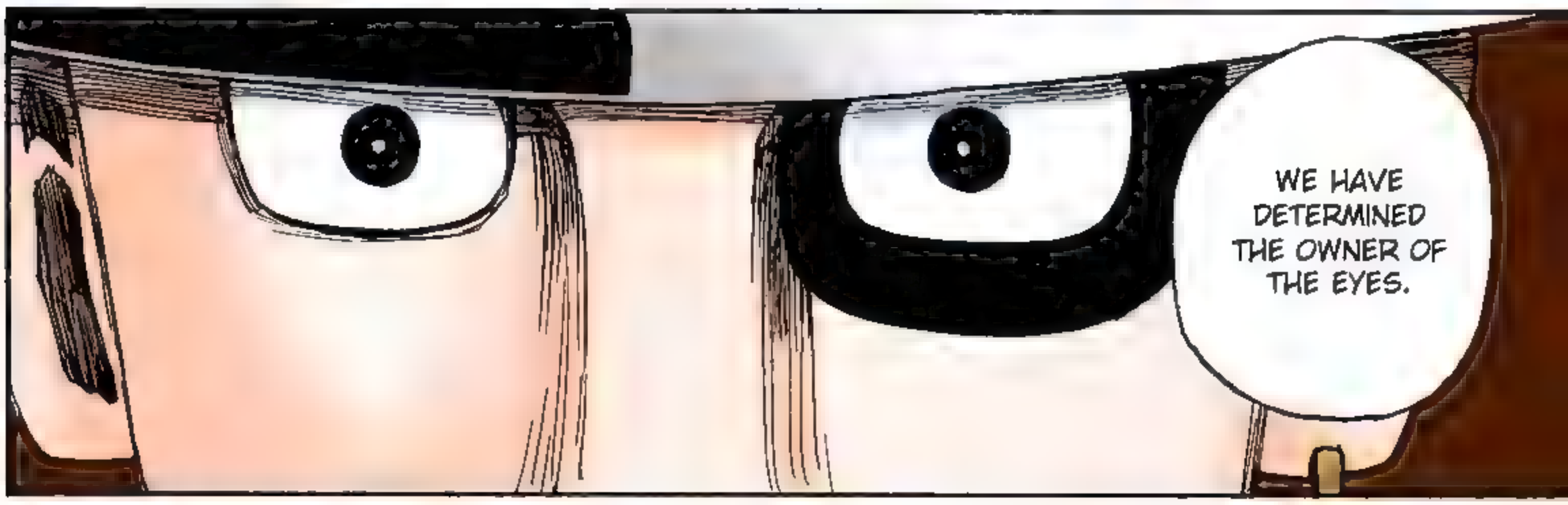
IT'S TRUE THAT I'M LOOKING FOR THOSE EYES.

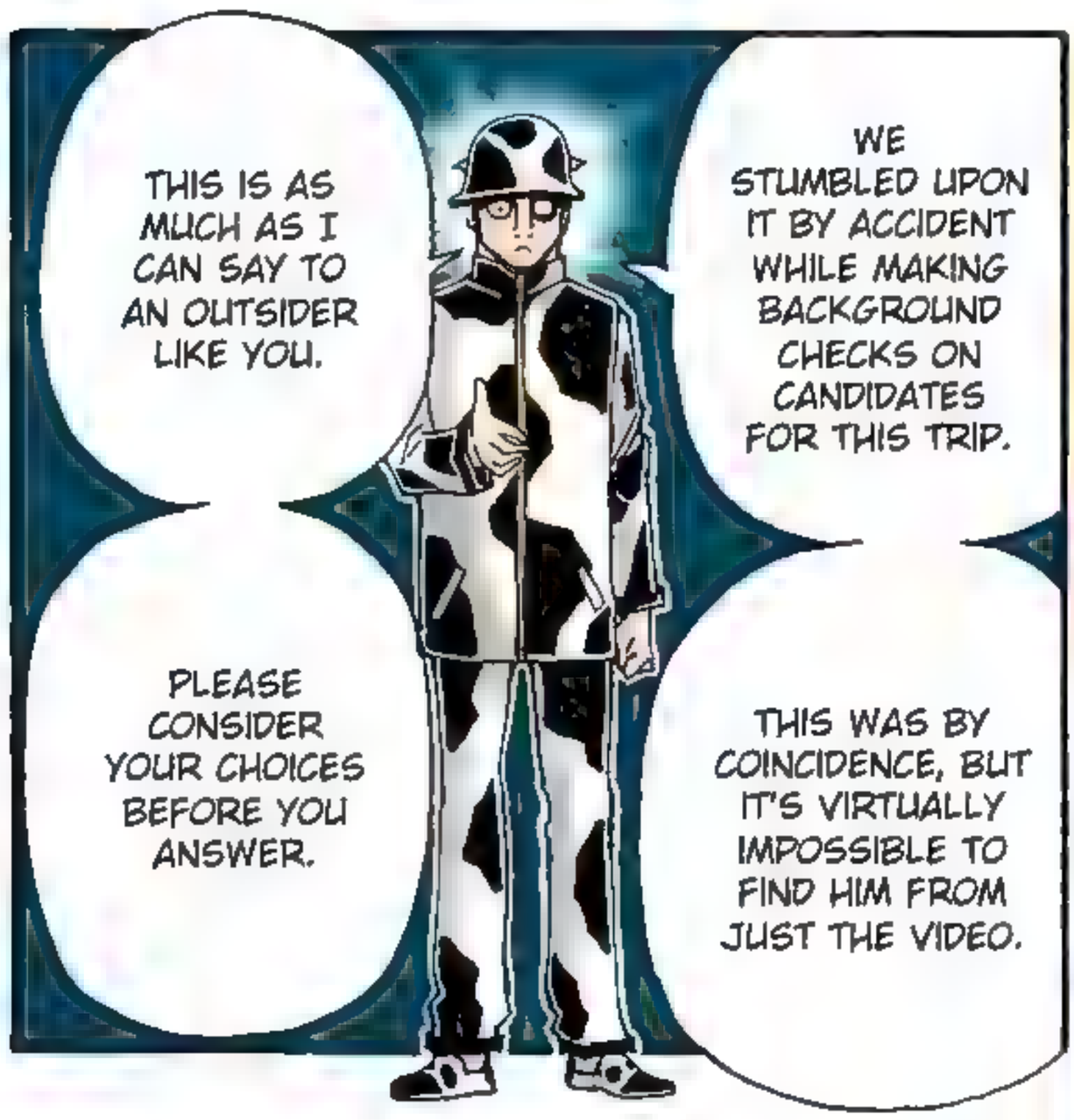
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING FOR OUTSIDERS LIKE YOU TO JUST WALK IN ON.

WHAT ABOUT IT?
OF COURSE.


BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY CLUES...
THAT'S RIGHT... KURAPIKA IS SEARCHING FOR THE OWNER.

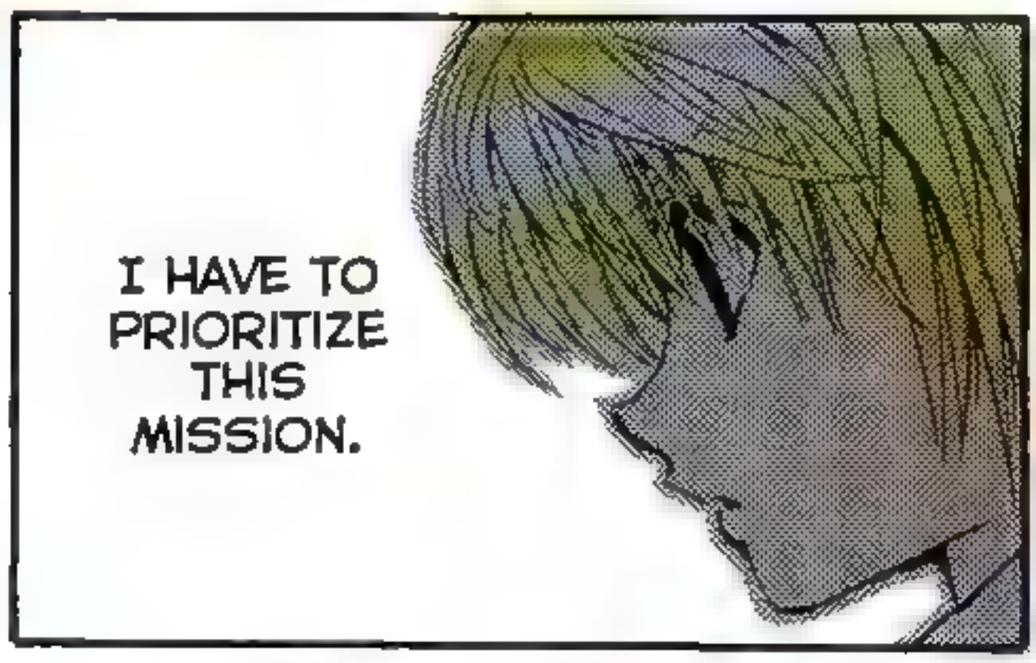
DEATH
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO, SOMEONE UPLOADED A VIDEO OF A SET OF SCARLET EYES?
THERE'S THIS UNDERGROUND DARKNET THAT PEOPLE SECRETLY COLLECT FOR A SO-CALLED SPECIAL HOBBY.

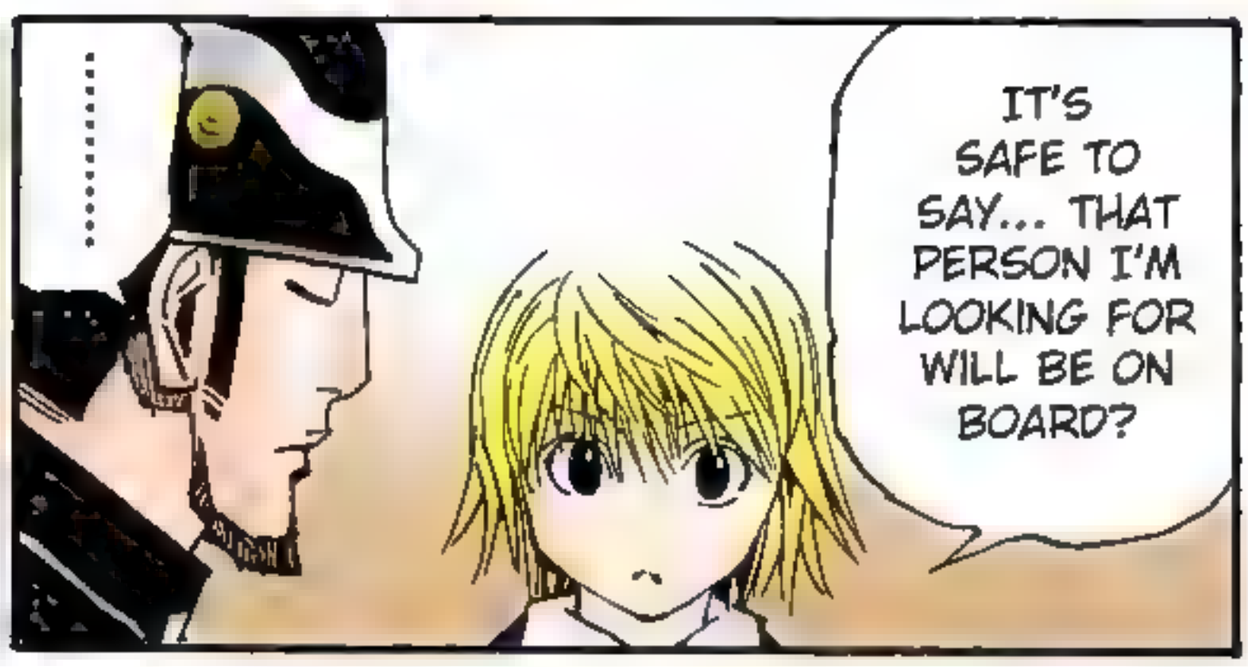

WE HAVE DETERMINED THE OWNER OF THE EYES.


THIS IS AS MUCH AS I CAN SAY TO AN OUTSIDER LIKE YOU.
WE STUMBLED UPON IT BY ACCIDENT WHILE MAKING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON CANDIDATES FOR THIS TRIP.
PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR CHOICES BEFORE YOU ANSWER.
THIS WAS BY COINCIDENCE, BUT IT'S VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND HIM FROM JUST THE VIDEO.

FOR "EVERYTHING" I'VE SAID, WOULD THAT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU?

IF YOU JOIN THE ZODIACS, WE'LL HAVE YOU STAY ON A BOAT FOR 2 MONTHS, HEADING TOWARDS THE DARK CONTINENT.





I MUST NOT BE PICKY ABOUT MY METHODS... BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY...!

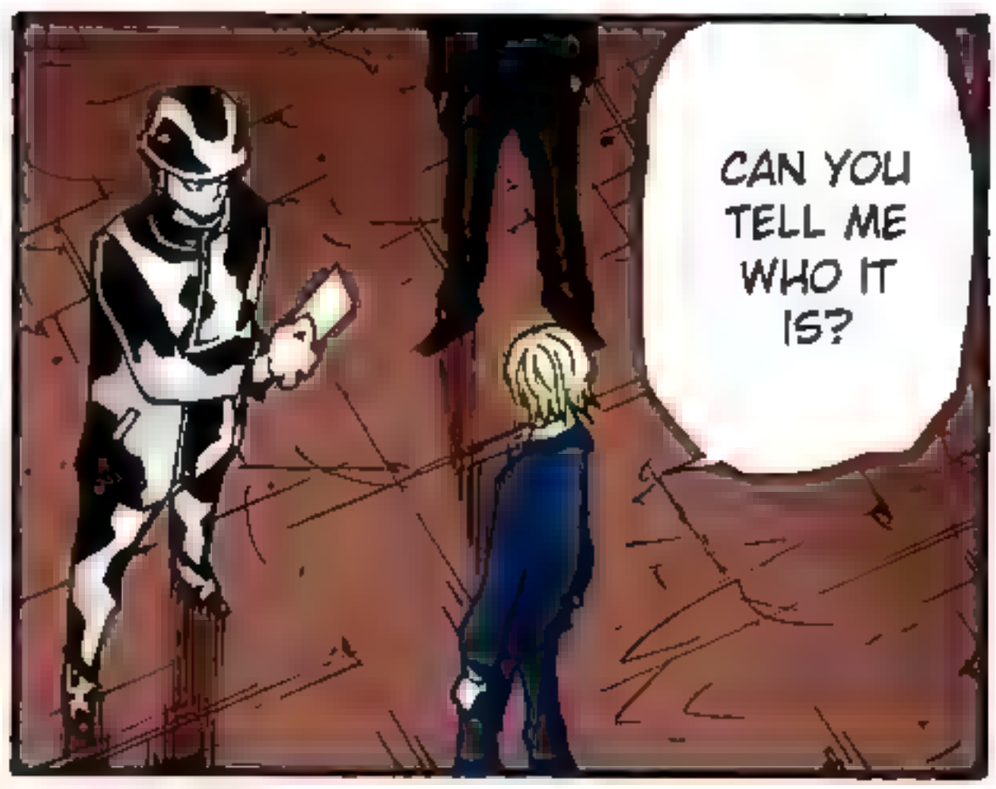
YOU CAN COUNT ME IN.

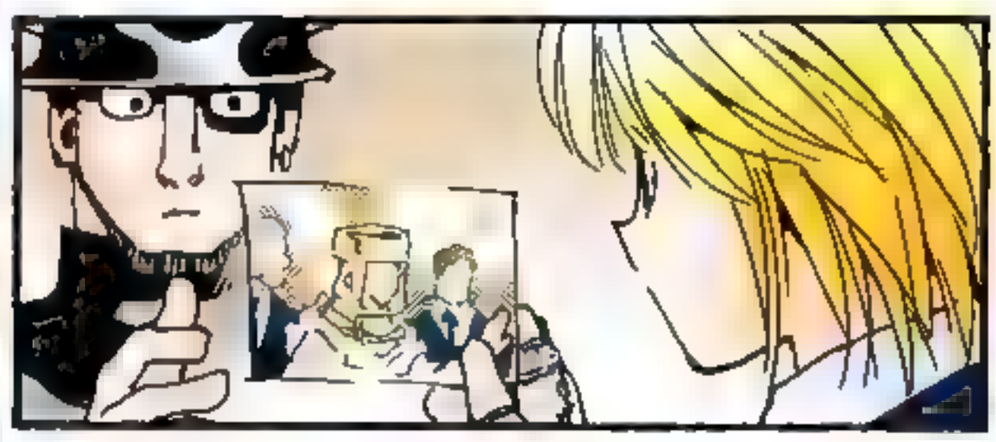
FINE.

TO RECLAIM THE EYES THAT WERE STOLEN FROM MY BRETHREN...!!

TSERRIEDNICH HUI GUO ROU.

THIS IS KAKIN'S 4TH PRINCE.





PARISTON, YOU'RE OUT OF IT!
I THINK YOU'RE THE ONE WHO IS OUT OF IT (AS A PARENT).

THE MAFIA'S DAUGHTER...

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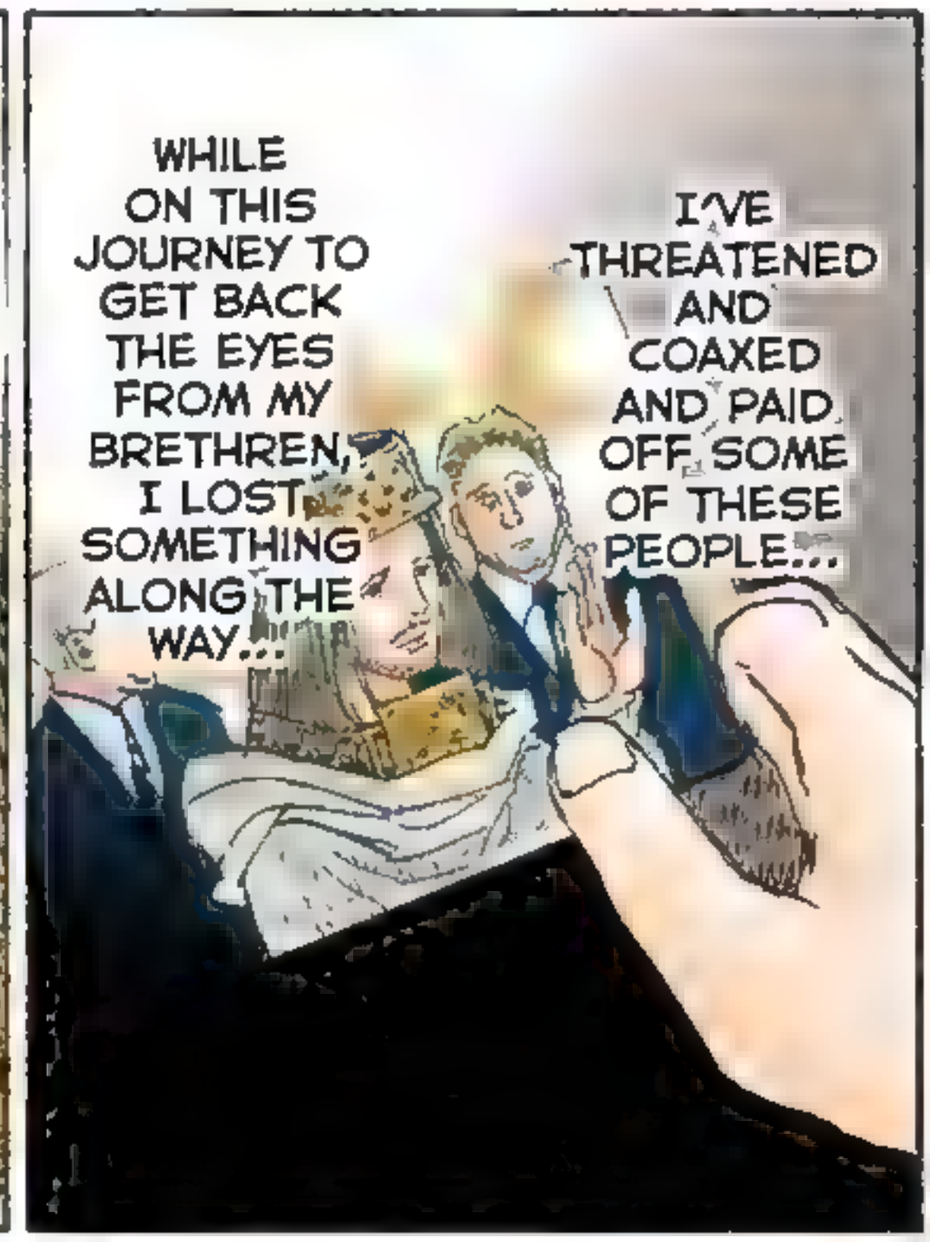
A POLITICIAN. A BILLIONAIRE. A CONMAN. AN INVESTOR. A TEACHER. AND AN ARTIST. A FOUNDER OF RELIGION. BOARD MEMBERS OF MULTIPLE CORPORATIONS. A PRIEST. A DOCTOR. A MUSICIAN. A LAWYER.

...A ROYAL PRINCE. AND NOW...



THERE IS NO HOME FOR ME. I HAVE NOTHING LEFT.

A PLACE WITH PEOPLE TO GREET OR WELCOME ME...

BUT...

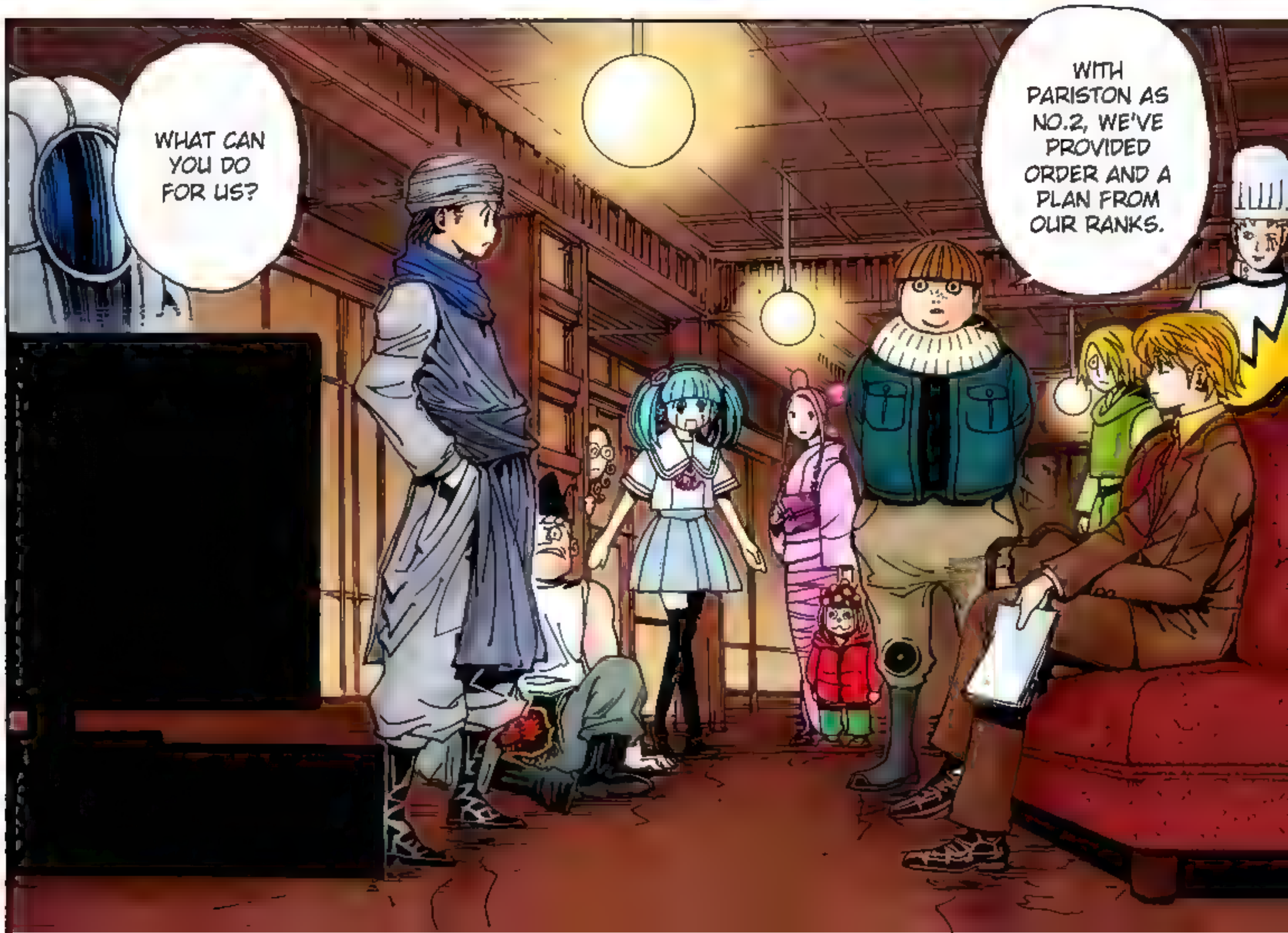
WHERE WOULD I GO...?

PAIRO...

IT SEEMS MY JOURNEY IS FINALLY BEGINNING.

NO.2.. HUH.

THAT DEPENDS ON THE ANSWER.


WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR US?
WITH PARISTON AS NO.2, WE'VE PROVIDED ORDER AND A PLAN FROM OUR RANKS.

COMBAT PREPA-RATIONS COMPLETE.

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I WILL ELIMINATE YOU...!

IF ALL YOU'RE HERE FOR IS TO BRING UP CHAOS...

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AND EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE FINE AS IT ALREADY IS.

I'LL PAY YOU DOUBLE WHAT BEYOND IS PAYING YOU AS A REWARD, PLUS I'LL PAY UPFRONT.

HM? I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WERE HIRED BY BEYOND?

THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING I'LL PAY YOU DOUBLE.

....SORRY I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

.....

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS DO NOT HESITATE, I WILL DISCUSS IT WITH NO ISSUES.

AND IF THERE'S ANY OF YOU WHO STILL WANT TO FOLLOW PARISTON, YOU ARE FREE TO DO AS YOU WISH.

I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO OFFER YOU AND I ASK FOR NO REQUESTS EITHER.

!?

...

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.

NO, WAIT.

BUT... WHAT DO YOU GET FROM BEING NO.2?

THAT IS NON NEGOTIABLE.

BUT, I WILL BE NO.2.

IS THAT REALLY TRUE?

WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU'D PAY UPFRONT...

LIKE I SAID, NO. JUST BELIEVE ME.

AND YOU HAVE NO OTHER REQUEST TO MAKE...

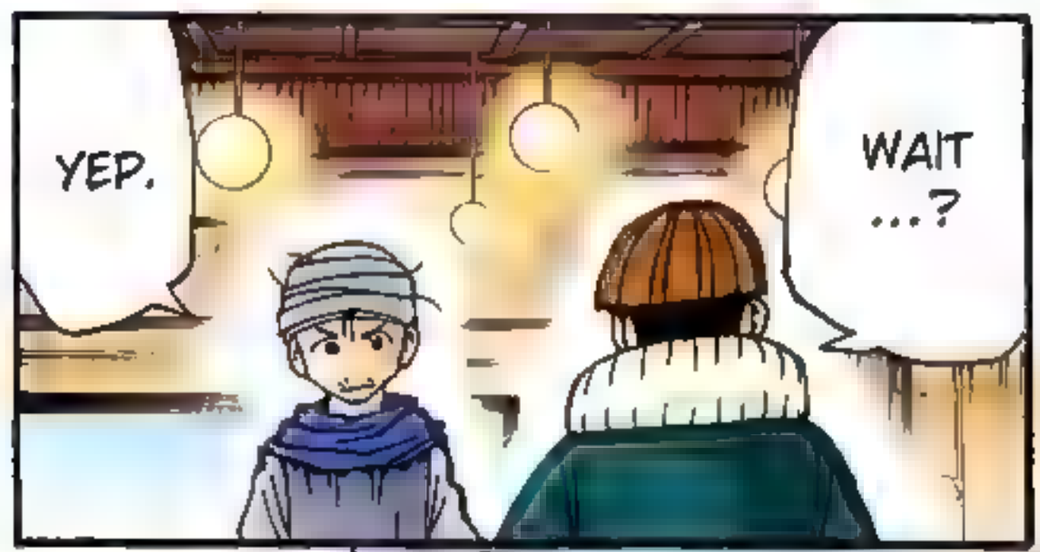
IF YOU GIVE ME YOUR BANK DETAILS, I'LL PAY YOU RIGHT AWAY.

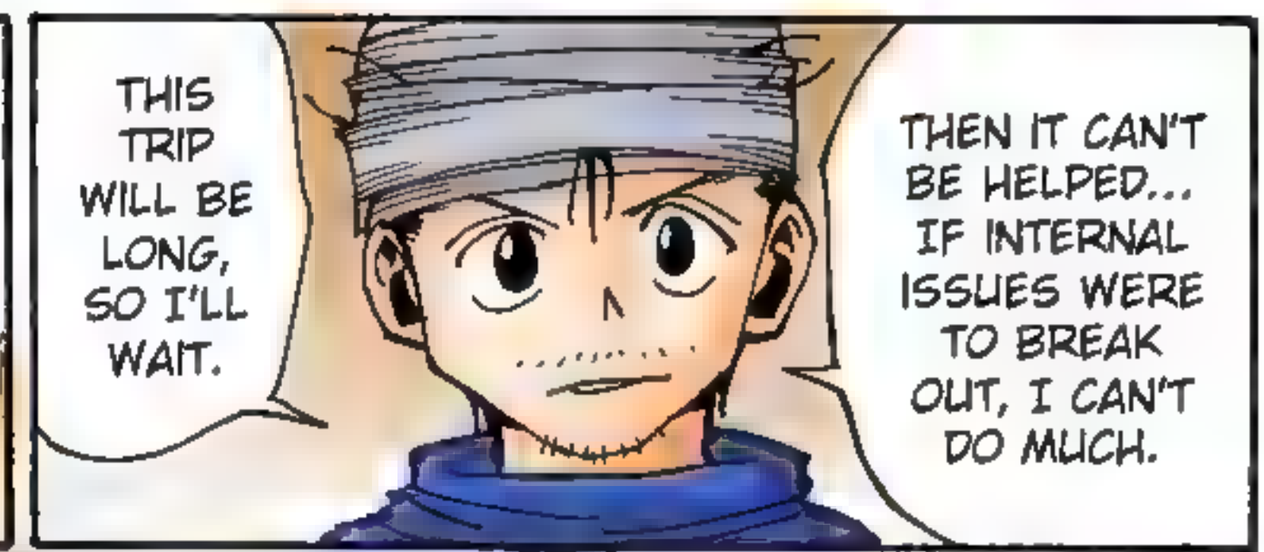
OF COURSE.

WOULDN'T THIS ONLY CAUSE INTERNAL CONFLICTS ...?

WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF WE DON'T AGREE?

IS HE TRYING TO REMOVE THOSE WHO ARE LESS MOTIVATED ...?



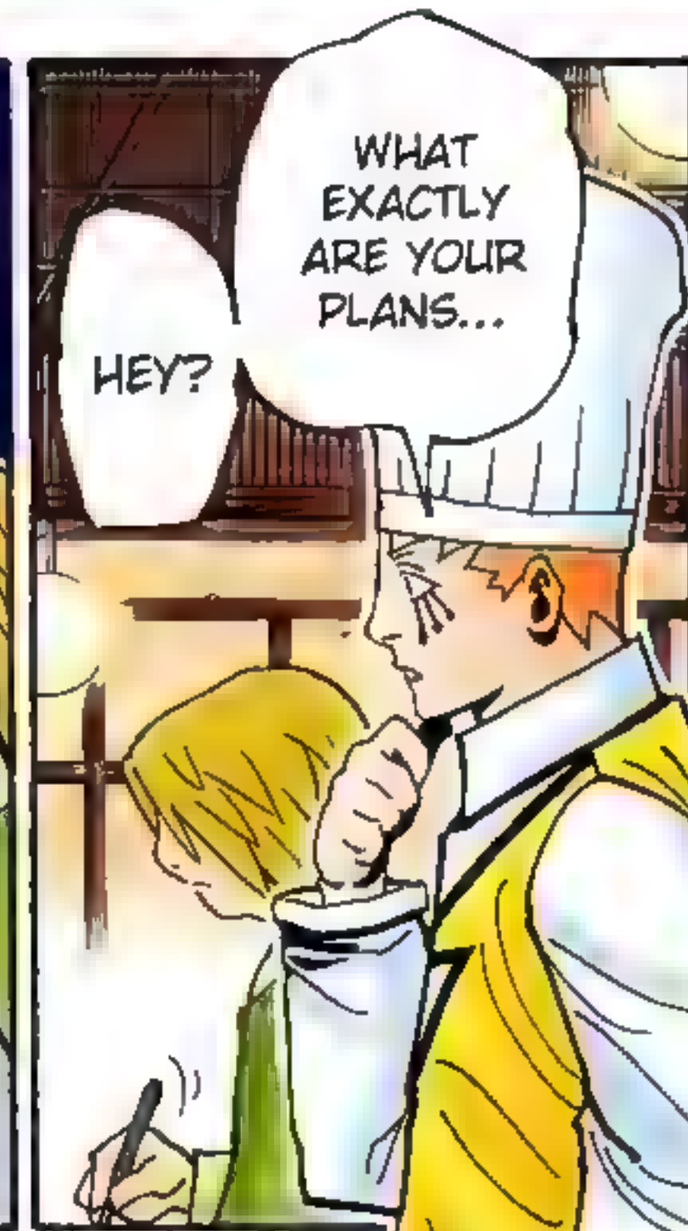


ONCE YOU ACCEPT ME AS NO.2, YOU'LL BE PAID ACCORDINGLY. CASE CLOSED.

YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MAKING YOU DECIDE NOW WOULD BE LIKE MAKING A REQUEST, RIGHT?

HERE ARE MY BANK DETAILS AND THE PAY THAT BEYOND PROPOSED.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE NO.2.



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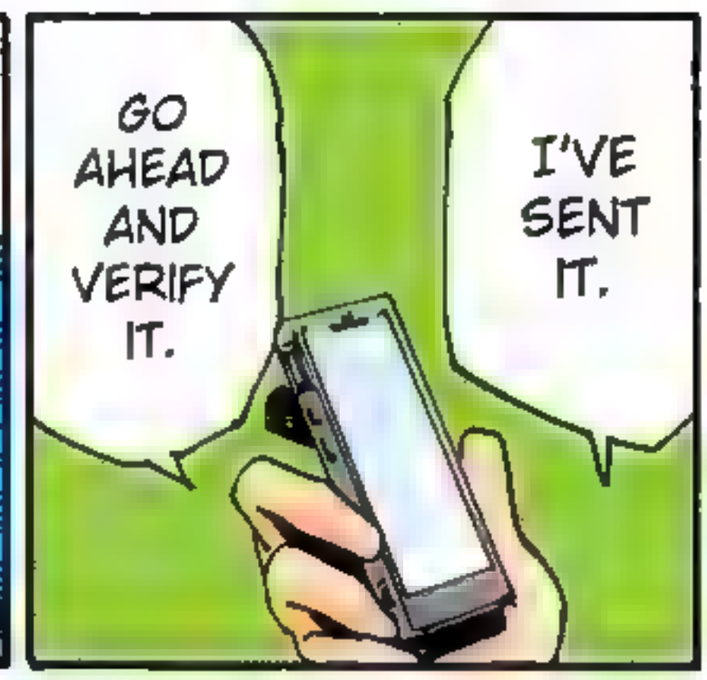
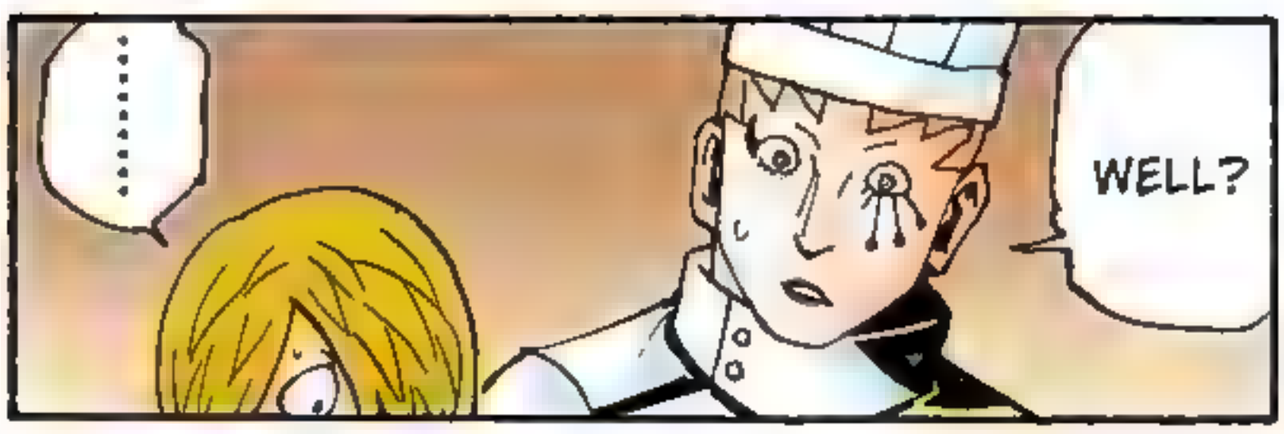

GO AHEAD AND VERIFY IT.
I'VE SENT IT.

OK.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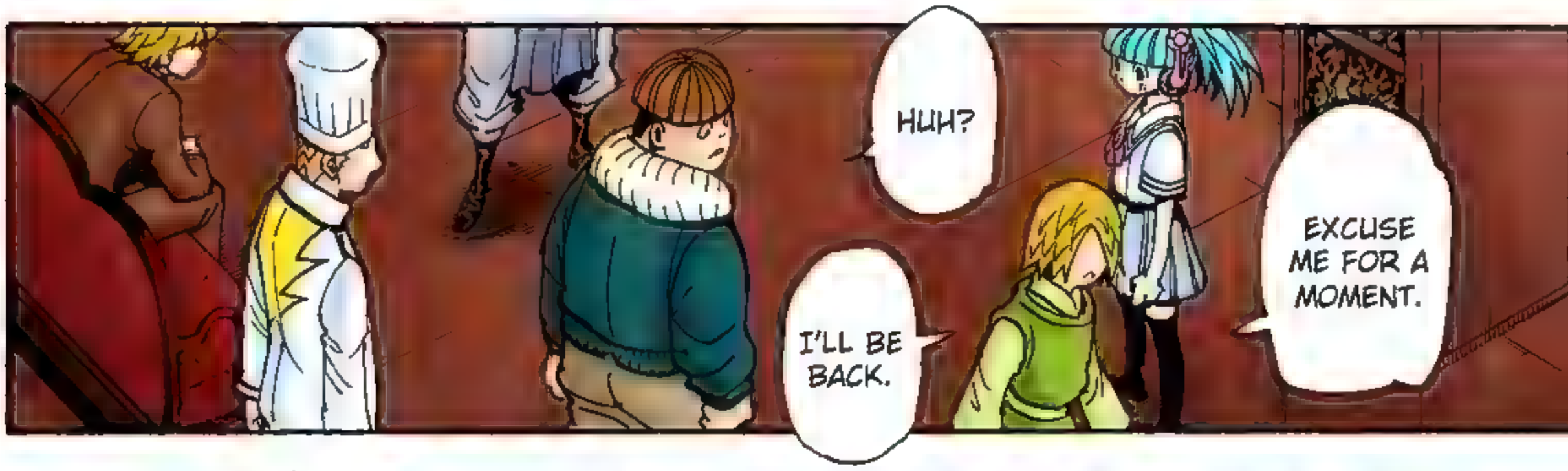
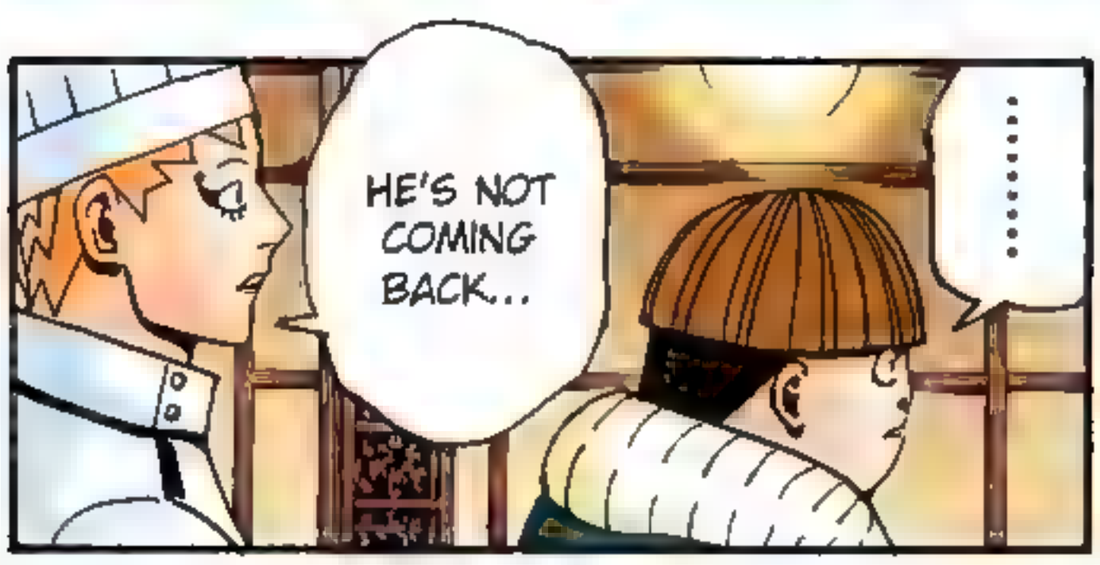
WELL?


HUH?
EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT.
I'LL BE BACK.


HE'S NOT COMING BACK...
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YEAH.
I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE SO I DON'T MIND.
IS THERE ANYONE ELSE HERE WHO DOESN'T MIND ME BEING NO.2?

JUST GIVE ME YOUR BANK DETAILS AND YOUR AMOUNT.

THAT'S FINE.

AT MOST YOU'RE NOTHING, JUST LIKE THE KING'S NEW CLOTHES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I WON'T BE TAKING ORDERS FROM YOU!!

THEN THAT MEANS YOU DON'T ACCEPT ME.

I SAID I DON'T WANT IT!!

NO, THAT'S NO GOOD. YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT.

I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY.

IN FACT, IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU WERE NO.2.

NO, NOT AT ALL.

NO OBJECTION FROM YOU PARISTON?

.....

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, JUST LET ME KNOW.

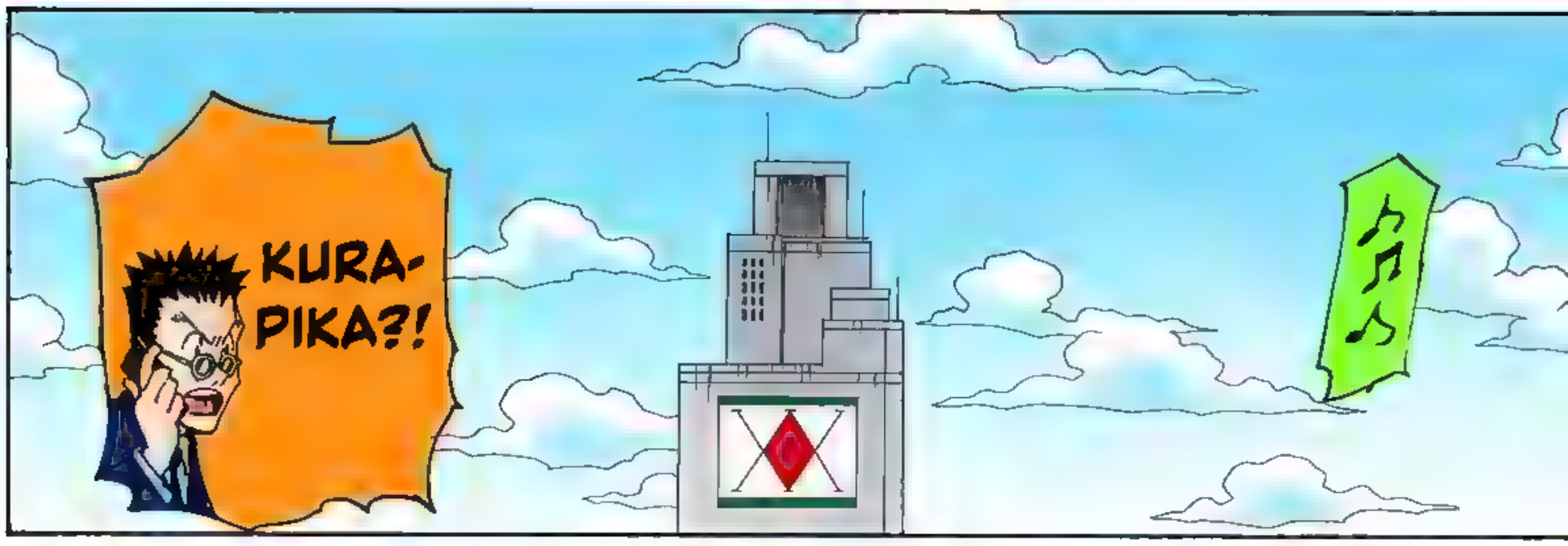
YOU CAN DONATE IT OR GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE AFTER YOU RECEIVE IT, FOR I CARE.

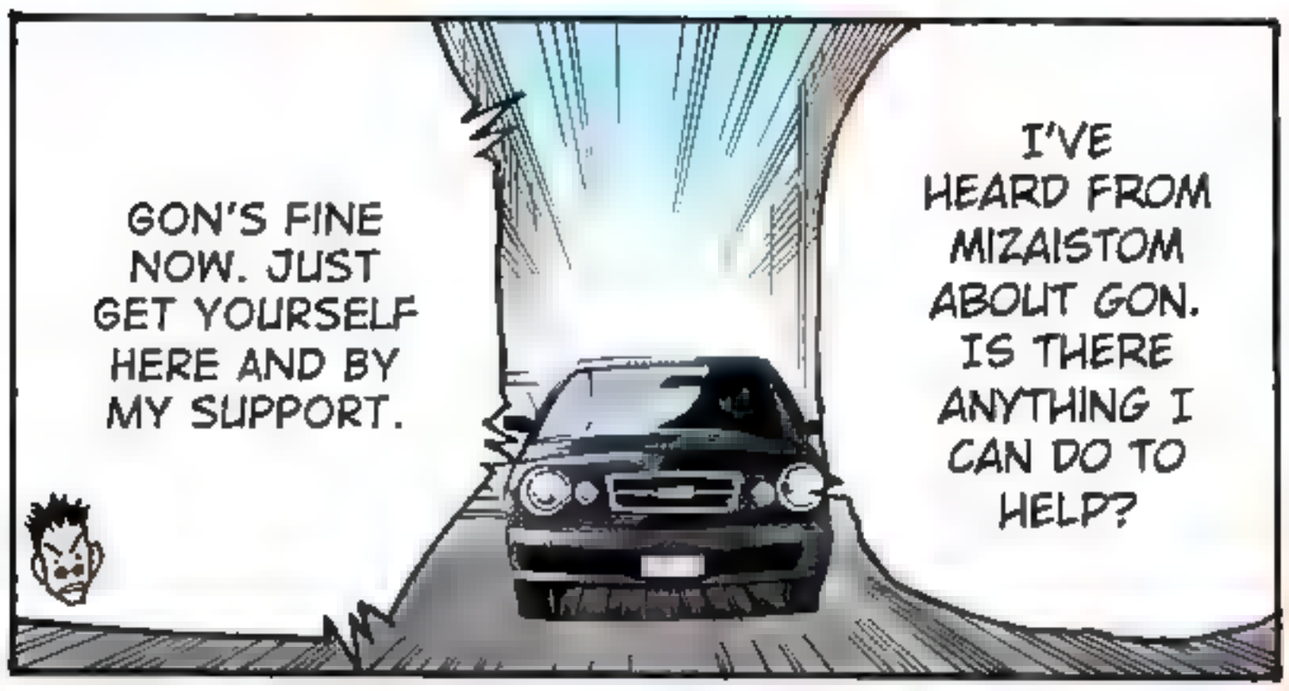
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY TO DOUBLE ZERO, IT IS STILL ZERO.

BUT... IF MY MATH IS CORRECT...

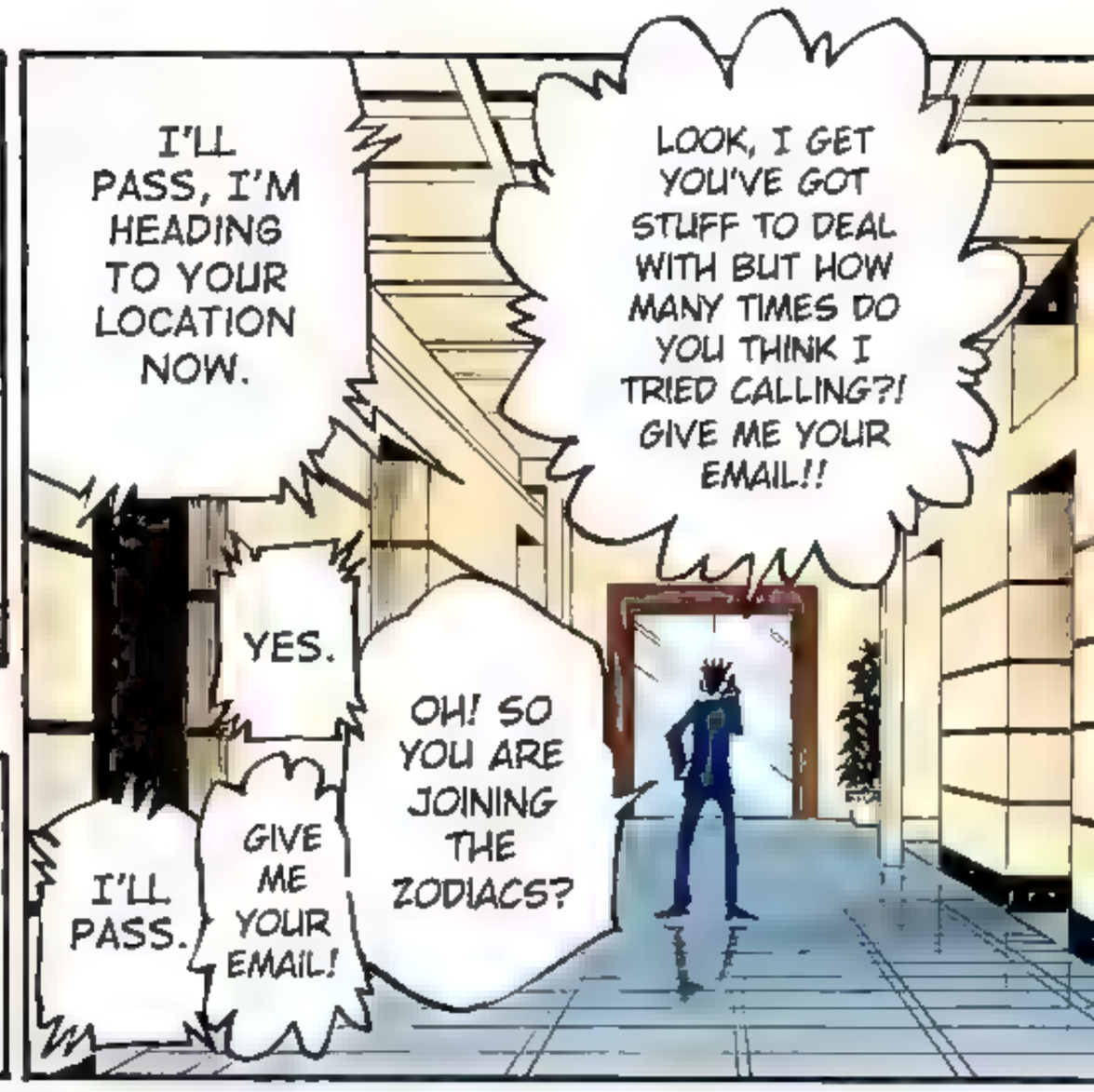
OKAY, THEN I'LL ASK FOR YOUR BANK DETAILS ANYWAY.

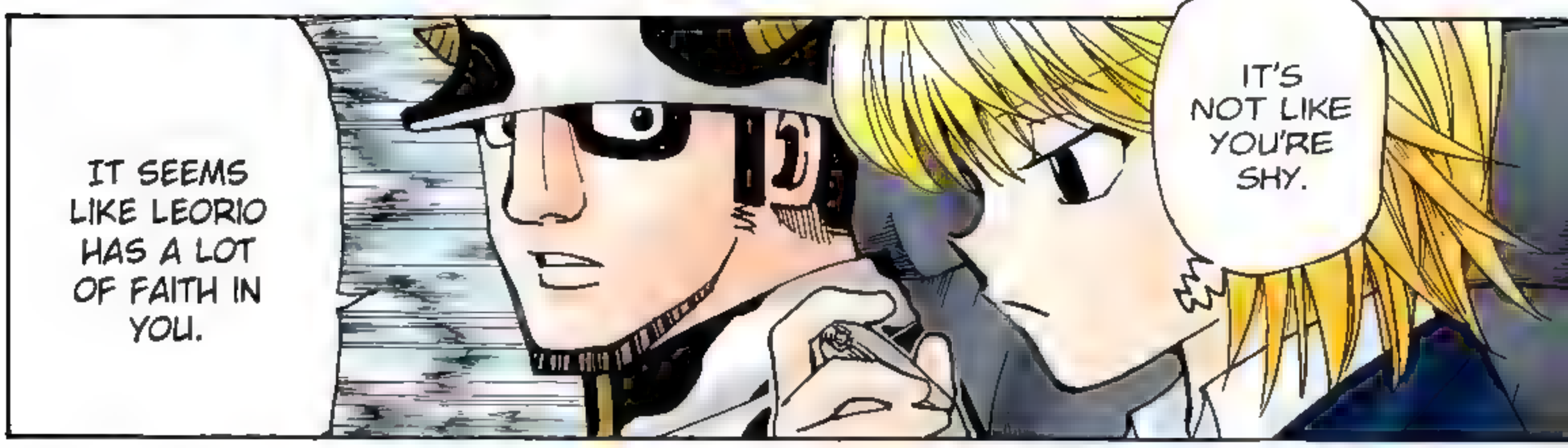
THAT'S RIGHT. ♪


KURA-PIKA?!

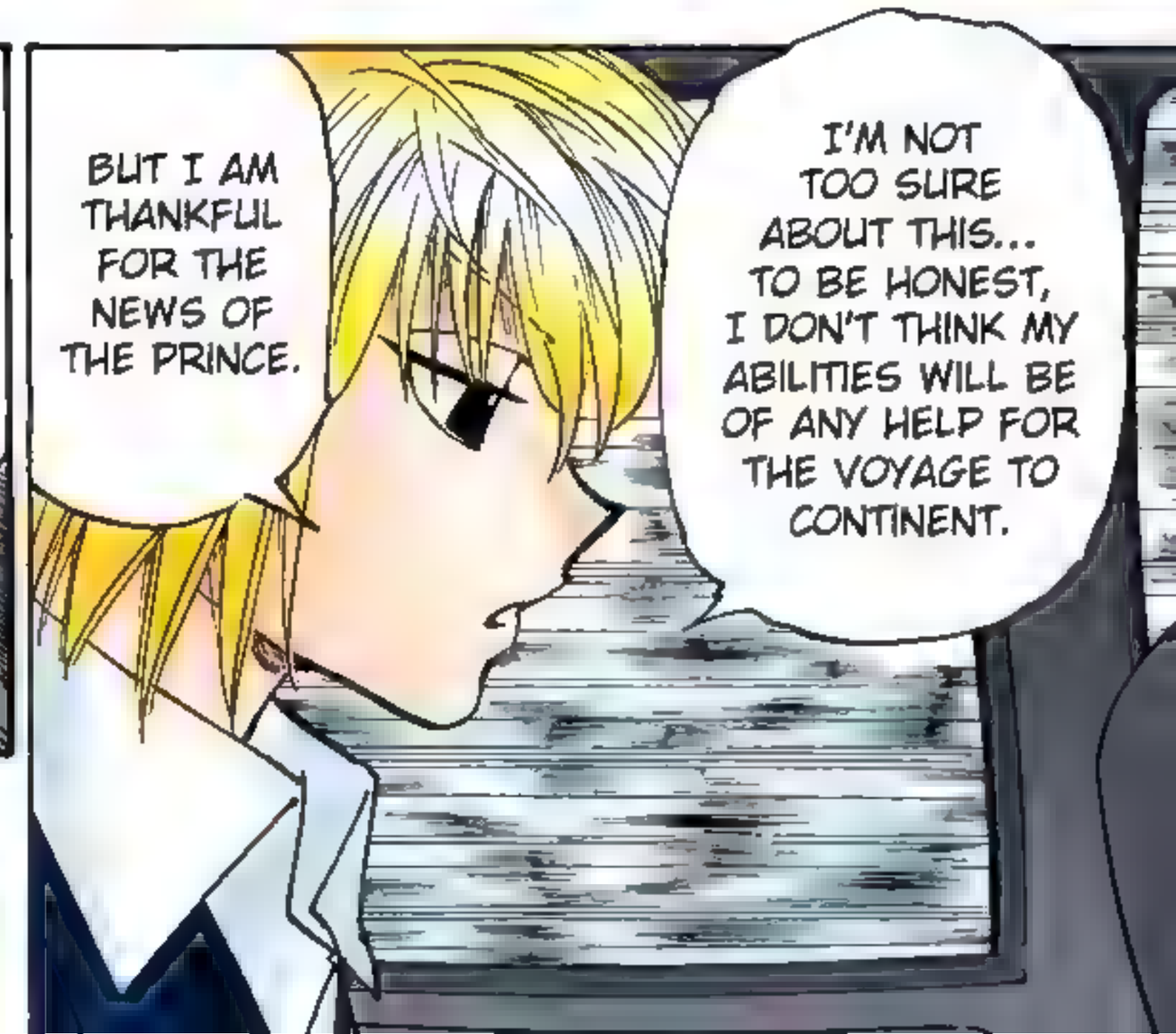

GON'S FINE NOW. JUST GET YOURSELF HERE AND BY MY SUPPORT.
I'VE HEARD FROM MIZAISTOM ABOUT GON. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?

UNDER-STOOD.
I FEEL SO AWKAWRD, I DON'T KNOW ANYONE HERE.


I'LL PASS, I'M HEADING TO YOUR LOCATION NOW.
LOOK, I GET YOU'VE GOT STUFF TO DEAL WITH BUT HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU THINK I TRIED CALLING?! GIVE ME YOUR EMAIL!!
YES.
OH! SO YOU ARE JOINING THE ZODIACS?
I'LL PASS.
GIVE ME YOUR EMAIL!


IT SEEMS LIKE LEORIO HAS A LOT OF FAITH IN YOU.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE SHY.

ONCE WE'RE OFF, YOU CAN PRIORITIZE YOUR "BUSINESS" ON BOARD.
I GET IT.
I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO ASSIST YOU...

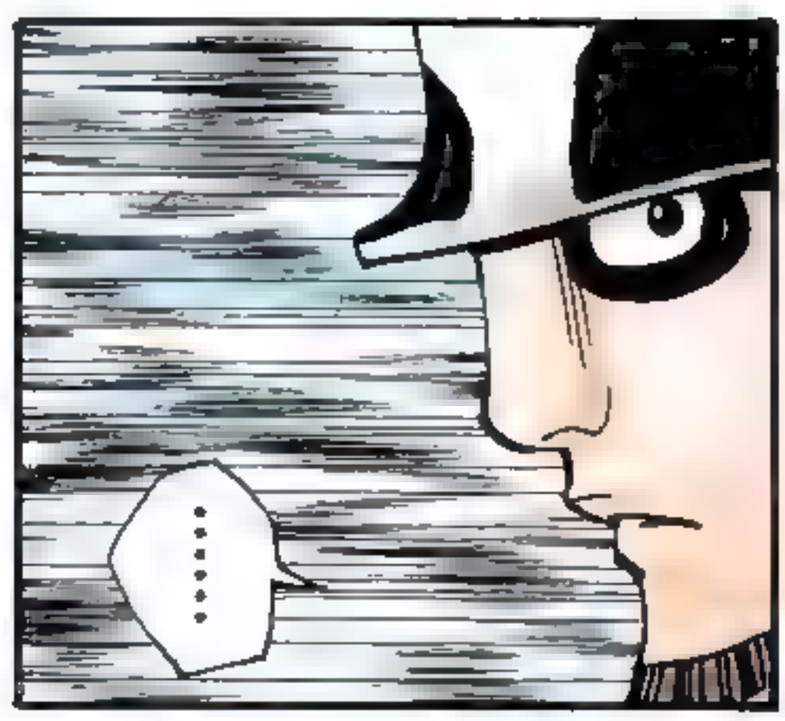

BUT I AM THANKFUL FOR THE NEWS OF THE PRINCE.
I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THIS... TO BE HONEST, I DON'T THINK MY ABILITIES WILL BE OF ANY HELP FOR THE VOYAGE TO CONTINENT.

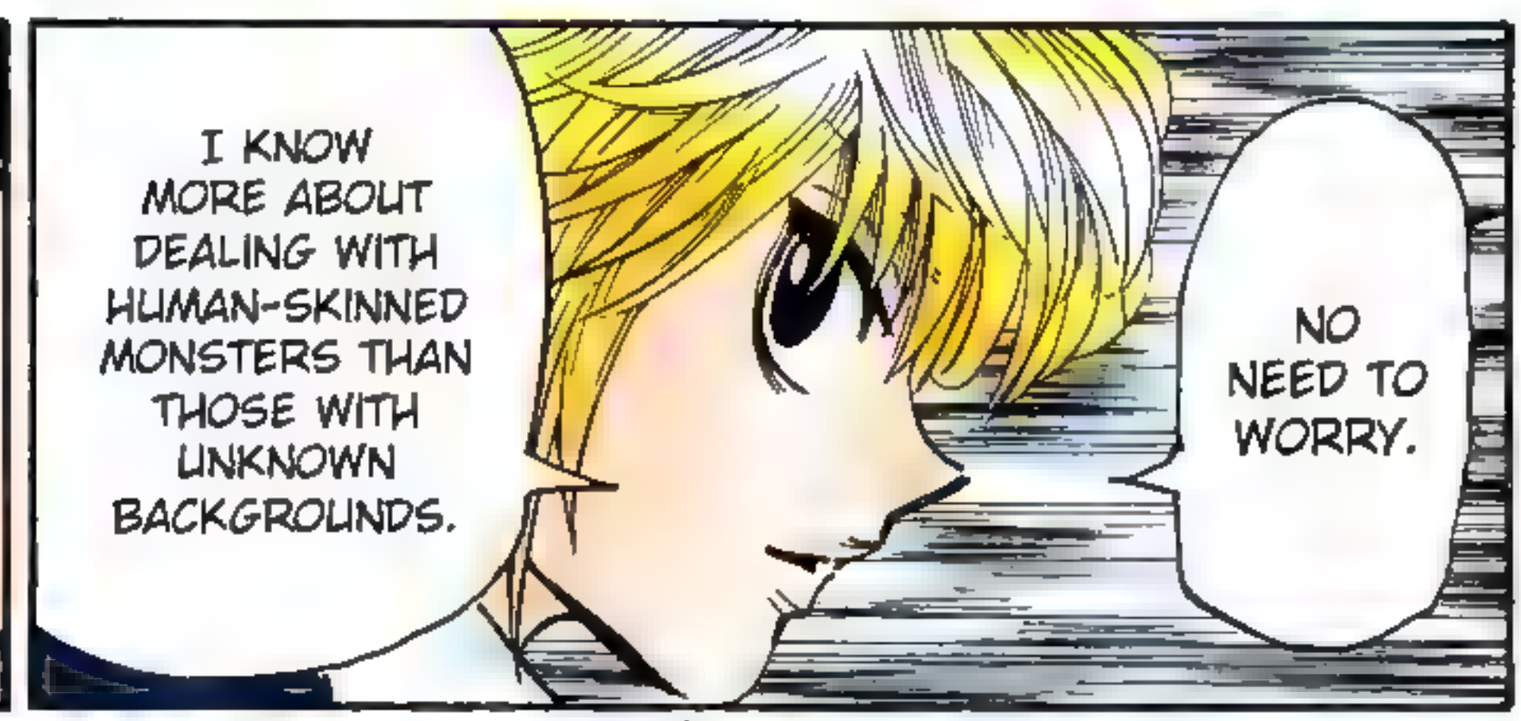
PLUS, THERE'S A DARK SHADOW THAT SURROUNDS THE PRINCE... I KNOW IT'S A WASTE OF TIME TO TELL YOU NOT TO GO TOO DEEP INTO THIS.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DELICATE NOW THAN A HISTORICAL EVENT AND A ROYAL PRINCE AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE.

BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO BE MINDFUL ABOUT THIS SITUATION.

BUT PLEASE TRY CHOOSING THE SAFEST ROUTE WITHOUT SETTING HIM OFF.





HUH?

RELEASE MY AURA...?

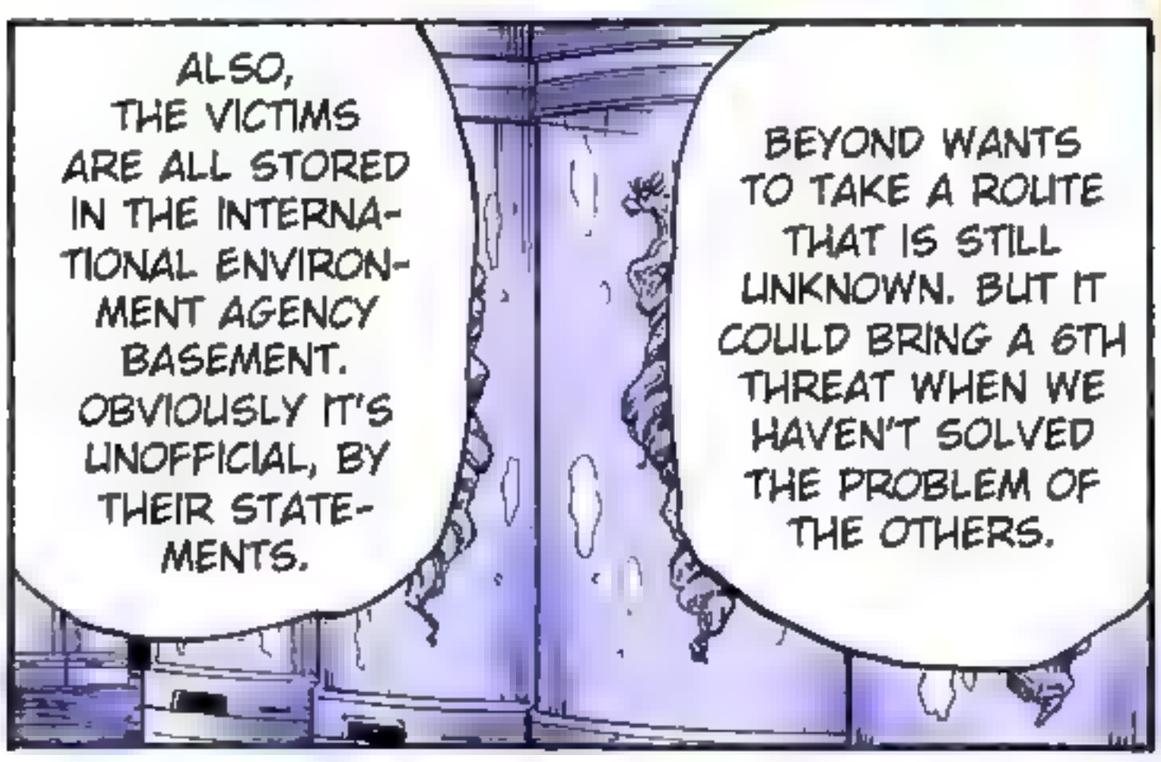
I CAN'T ...

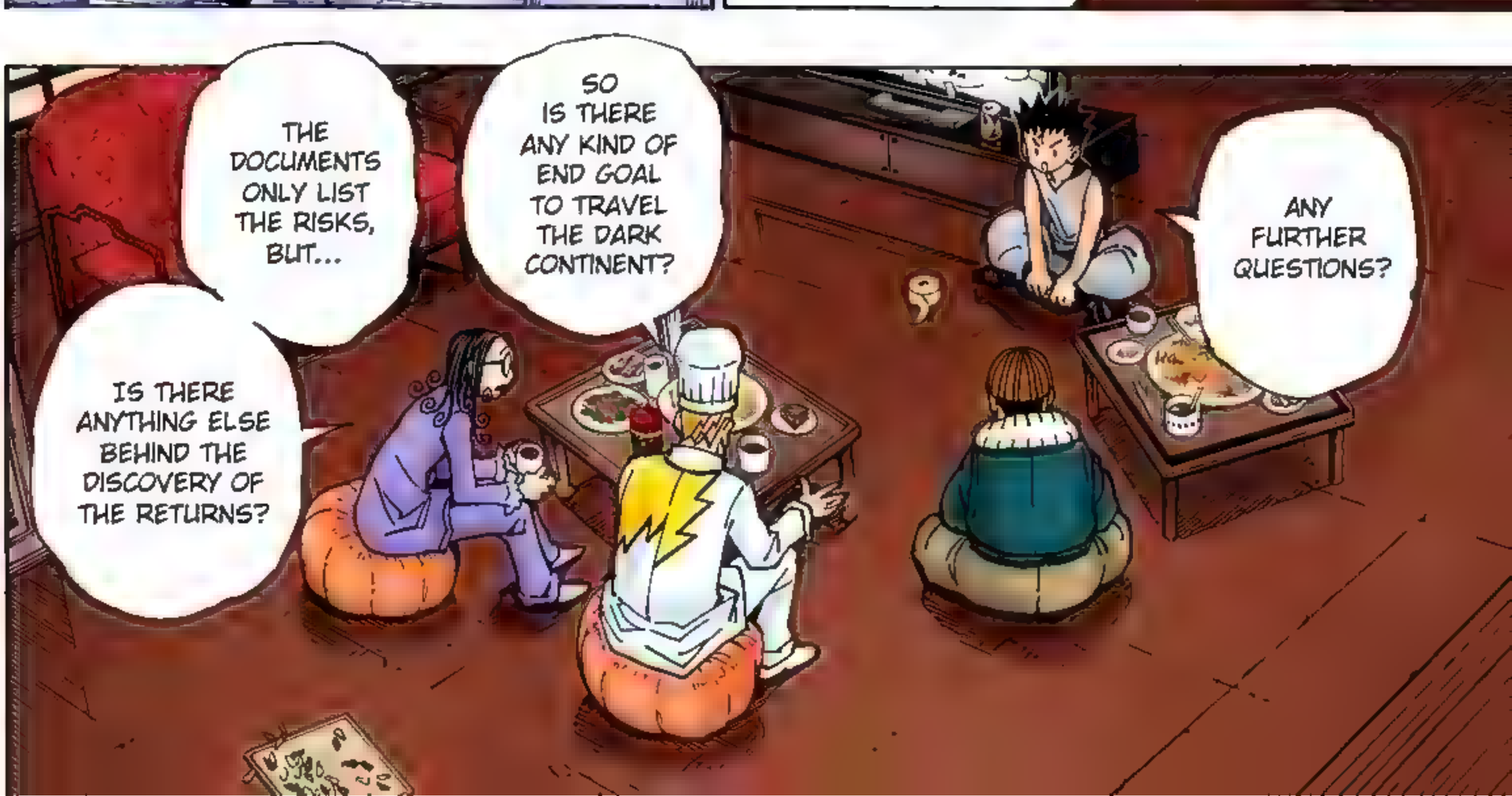
...AND PAP: THE HUMAN-KEEPING BEAST. THESE 5 ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE CHIMERA ANTS AND HAVE A THREAT LEVEL OF A OR B.

ZOBAE: THE IMMORTALITY DISEASE, BRION: THE BOTANICAL WEAPON, AI: GASEOUS LIFEFORM, HELLBELL: THE TWIN-TAILED SNAKE...

...IN THEIR TRAVELS "THE "GUIDES" FORCED THEM TO TAKE THE CALAMITIES AS A WARNING."

THE VS HAS ALWAYS TAKEN A DIFFERENT ROUTE TO THE DARK CONTINENT. AS A RESULT, THEY'VE BROUGHT BACK THREATS, OR RATHER...





THE ALLIED NATION OF BEGEROSSE SECURED A ROUTE. THEY SENT A RESEARCH GROUP OF 1,000 PEOPLE AND ONLY 7 MADE IT BACK.

BUT THIS TERRITORY BELONGS TO THE "PAP: HUMAN-KEEPING BEAST."

THEY WERE FOUND IN THE NORTHEASTERN MOUNTAIN RANGES OF THE MOBIUS LAKE CONTINENT.

JUST ONE OF THESE STONES COULD GENERATE 20,000 KILOWATTS PER DAY.

THE "UNMANNED ROCK" IS AN ORE THAT GENERATES ELECTRICITY WHEN SUBMERGED IN WATER.

BUT IN THIS UNINHABITED CITY, IT'S GUARDED BY BRION: BOTANICAL WEAPON AND IT WIPED OUT THE ENTIRE SAHERTA SPECIAL FORCES ARMY IN AN INSTANT. ONLY 2 OF THEM MADE IT BACK.

IN THE NORTH OF THE DARK CONTINENT, ONCE WE ARRIVE THERE WILL BE A SEA OF TREES. ABOUT 400KM DEEPER, THERE SHOULD BE AN ANCIENT LABYRINTH CITY. I HEARD THERE'S A HERB THAT COULD CURE ANY DISEASES.

THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY AI: THE GASEOUS LIFEFORM BEFORE BEING SUDDENLY CAUGHT IN A VIOLENT STRUGGLE. AFTER SOME DISPUTE, THE SURVIVORS LOST THEIR SANITY.

THE MINPO REPUBLIC CALLED UPON THE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION AND GAVE THEM THE MISSION TO FIND THE TRINITY ELIXIR, A CHEMICAL SOURCE CAPABLE OF GENERATING ANY KIND OF LIQUID, BUT THEY FAILED THE MISSION AND ONLY 3 RETURNED ALIVE.

BUT BEFORE THEY EVEN REACHED THE SWAMP, 99% OF THEM FELL VICTIM TO HELLBELL. ONLY ELEVEN OF THEM SURVIVED.

IN THE SOUTH MOBIUS LAKE, THE OCHIMA FEDERATION WAS SEARCHING FOR A NITRO GRAIN, CONSIDERED AS THE ULTIMATE FOOD TO PROMOTE LONGEVITY.

ACCORDING TO NETERO...

THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION, NETERO AND SOME FRIENDS WENT ON A SECRET EXPEDITION TO THE DARK CONTINENT, BUT THERE WASN'T ANY OFFICIAL RECORD DOCUMENTING IT.

THIS PLACE IS...

AIZACK NETERRO

ZZIGG ZAOLDYECK

LINNET AUDOBLE

!!

WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS THE ZOBAE: THE IMMORTALITY DISEASE. ONLY 6 SURVIVORS AND 1 INFECTED HUNTER MADE IT BACK BUT THE PLANT DRIED OUT AND DIED.

BEYOND TAGGED ALONG WITH THE KUKAN'YU KINGDOM WHO WANTED TO BRING BACK THE ALCHEMIC PLAN CALLED METALLION, BUT THEY WENT OFF-ROUTE AND BROUGHT BACK A HORRIBLE DISEASE.

BUT IT WAS BECAUSE OF BEYOND'S TRIP THAT DROVE NETERO TO CONVINCE THE VS TO MAKE TRAVEL TO THE DARK CONTINENT A TABOO FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

STORIES THAT WERE MEANT TO BE WARNINGS ONLY ENDED UP FIRING THE HEARTS OF MANY, AND ONLY BROUGHT MORE DEATHS. THIS INDEED TROUBLED NETERO.

...WAY TOO BIG!!

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KNOWING ALL THIS, WILL YOU STILL GO?
DID BEYOND TELL YOU THAT THIS WAS GONNA BE A HIGH RISK MISSION?
!
I'LL GO.
I'VE ALREADY SPENT IT ALL.
WE THOUGHT YOU RAN OFF WITH THE MONEY.
I SAID I'D BE BACK.
YOU'RE BACK.
BUT THANKS TO YOU, IF I EVER WERE TO DIE, THE MONEY WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KEEP MY SISTER ALIVE FOR A LIFETIME.
FOR THAT, I AM TRULY GRATE-FUL.
EVEN IF I WAS REBORNED TWICE AND SELL MY HUNTER LICENSE, IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO FINANCIALLY HELP MAINTAIN THE OPERATIONS.
I USED IT AT THE INSTITUTION WHERE MY LITTLE SISTER IS HOSPITALIZED.
BUT YOU'LL GET TO USE BEYOND'S PAY FOR YOUR NEEDS.
SORRY, BUT AFTER HEARING THAT, I CAN'T LET YOU DIE...
SO IF YOU GO, I'LL GO AS WELL.
YOU ARE NO.2.

THERE WAS ONE GUY THAT EXPLORED THE ENTIRE MOBIUS SHORELINE OF THE DARK CONTINENT ALL ALONE 300 YEARS AGO.

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. YOU'VE GOT IDIOTS LIKE THOSE IN EVERY ERA.

HE WROTE A BOOK ABOUT HIS TRAVELS.

ALONE ...?!

YOU SAID THE VS LISTED THESE TRAVELS AS THE "UNKNOWN CONTINENT". IF THAT'S TRUE, HOW WOULD THEY KNOW OF THESE THINGS AND WHERE TO GO...?

DOES THIS IMPLY THEY HAD A PIONEER THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT...?

UMM...

THERE'S JUST ONE THING BOTHERING ME.

BUT ONLY THE "EAST" EDITION HAS BEEN FOUND WITH NO TRACE OF THE WEST EDITION.

THE "JOURNEY TO THE NEW WORLD", THE "WEST" AND "EAST" EDITION!!

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BUT WHY?

AND THE LAST ONE IS...?

...?

THE OTHER IT'S BECAUSE THE AUTHOR NEVER FINISHED IT.

COULD'VE BEEN THAT THEY JUST HAVEN'T FOUND IT YET.

THERE ARE ONLY...

THREE REASONS...!

...BEING WRITTEN AS WE SPEAK...!!

THAT IS STILL...

HAHAHA, BUT OF COURSE.

THAT LONGEVITY GRAIN...!! AND THE ALL CURING HERBS...!!

...HUH!!

A BOOK FROM 300 YEARS AGO...

!?
!?

...DON FREECSS !!

AND THE AUTHOR OF THESE BOOKS IS...

STATISTICS OF THE FIVE THREATS

	FEROCITY	NUMBER	FERTILITY	DESTRUCTIVITY (BODILY HARM)	OVERALL
CHIMERA ANTS (HUMANOID)	B～C (B≒A-1, A-2)	B	B-1	A	B
AI	A-2	?	?	A～B	A
BRION	B (≒A-1)	C	B-2	A-1	B^{+}
ZOBAE (PATIENT)	C-1 (≒A-2)	E	B-2	B-2	B^{+}
HELLBELL	A-1	?	?	A-2	A
PAP	A-2	?	?	B-1	A
HUMAN (INDIVIDUAL)	C	E	C	B～E	C
HUMAN (NATION)	B (≒A-1)	A	C (≒B)	A～C	A^{-}～B^{+}

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YOU CAN'T RELEASE YOUR AURA?

YOU PROBABLY CAN'T SEE IT ANYMORE.

IT WAS FINE WHEN YOU WERE WITH ME.

WELL.

ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

IT MEANS YOU'VE GONE BACK TO "NORMAL".

I DON'T CARE IF THIS IS THE END.

I'VE HAD IT...

THIS IS IT...

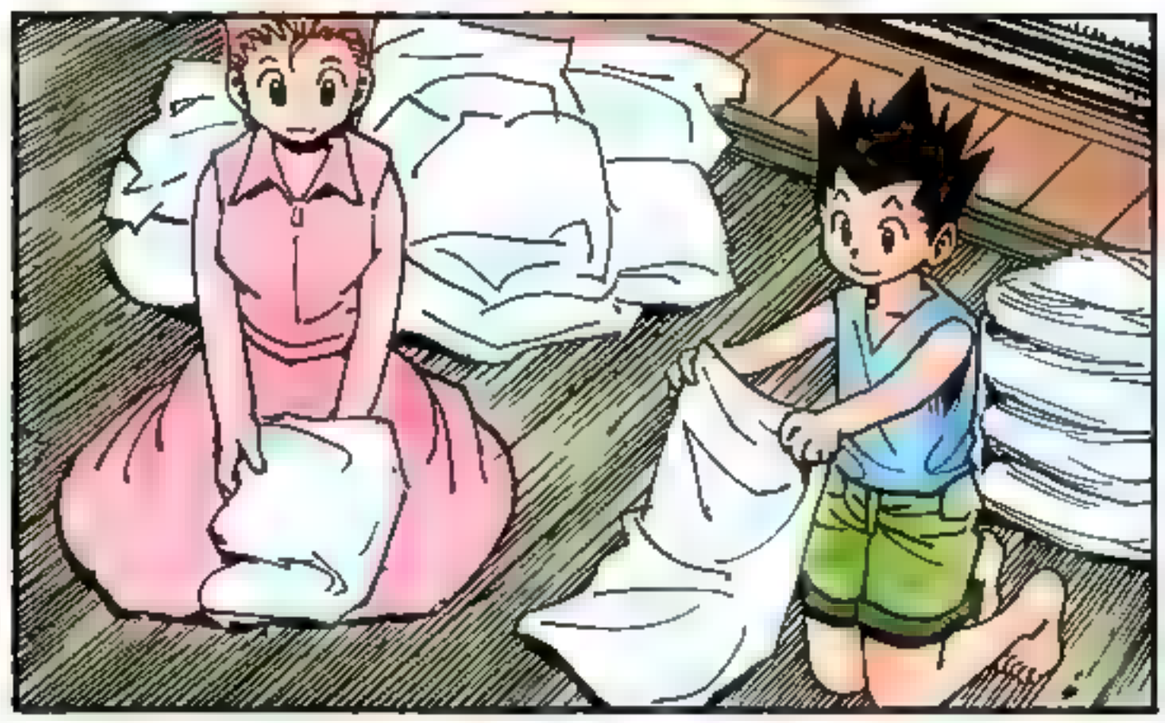
REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME.

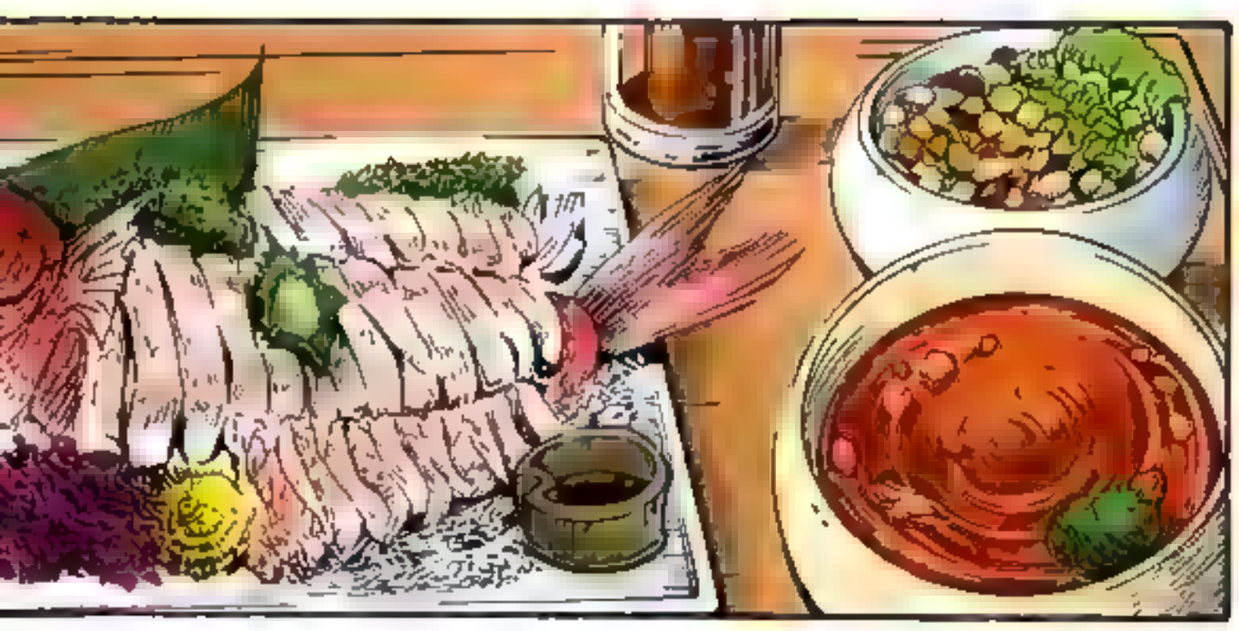
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY.

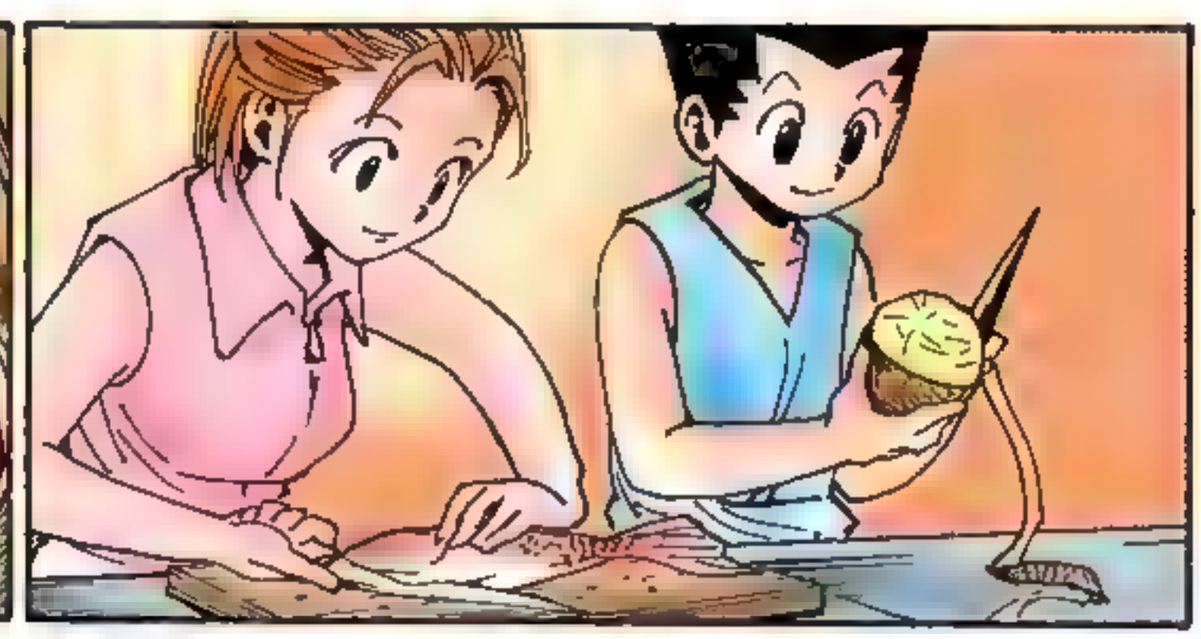
IF YOU WANT MORE THERE WILL BE A PRICE TO PAY.

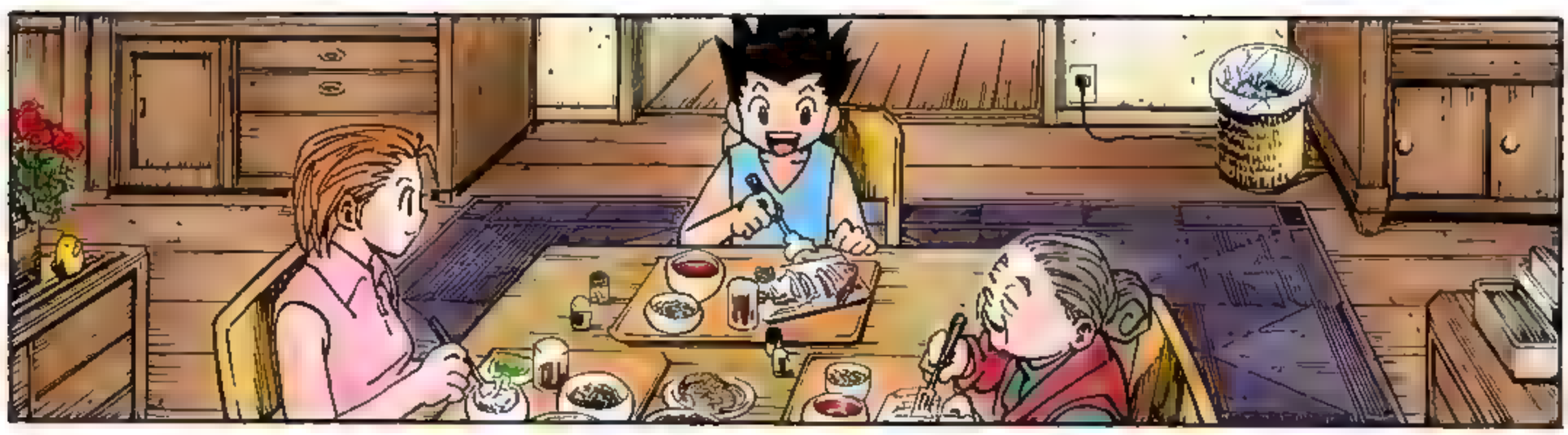
YOU FOUGHT, READY TO LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND. NOW YOU'RE BACK TO NORMAL.

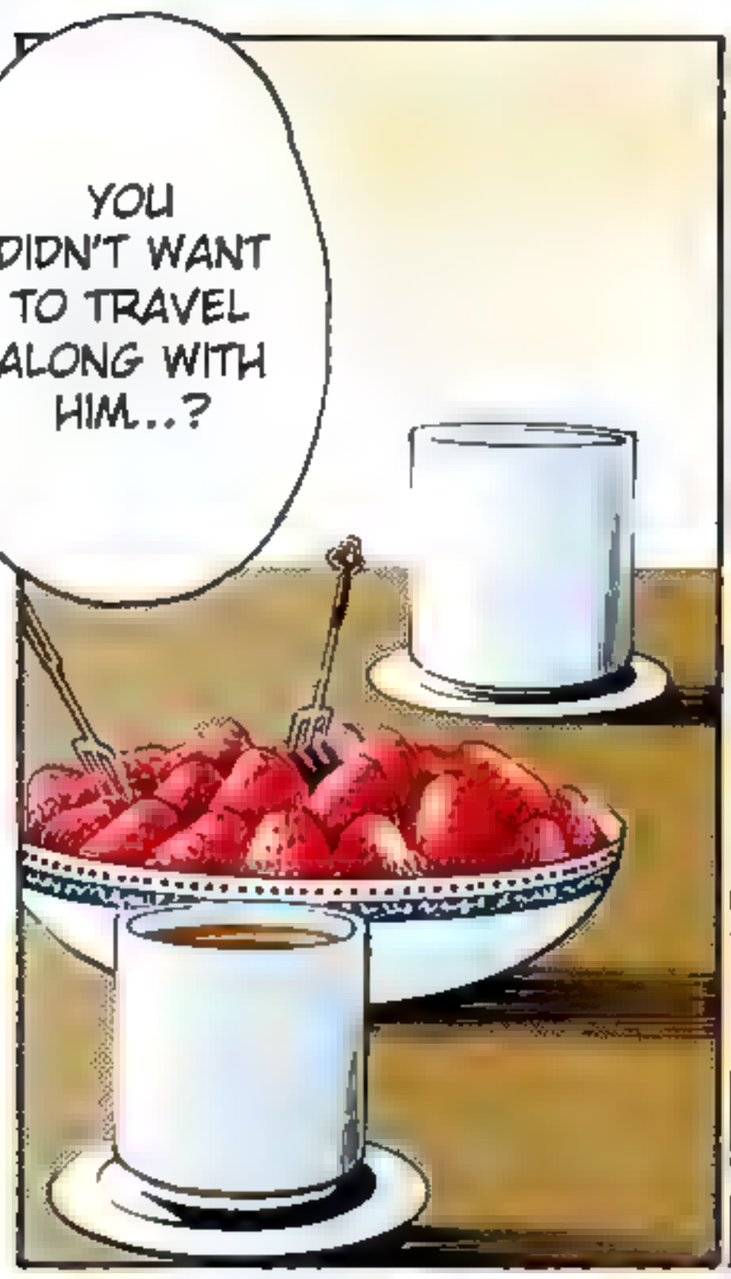
TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AS YOU ARE NOW.
THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU...

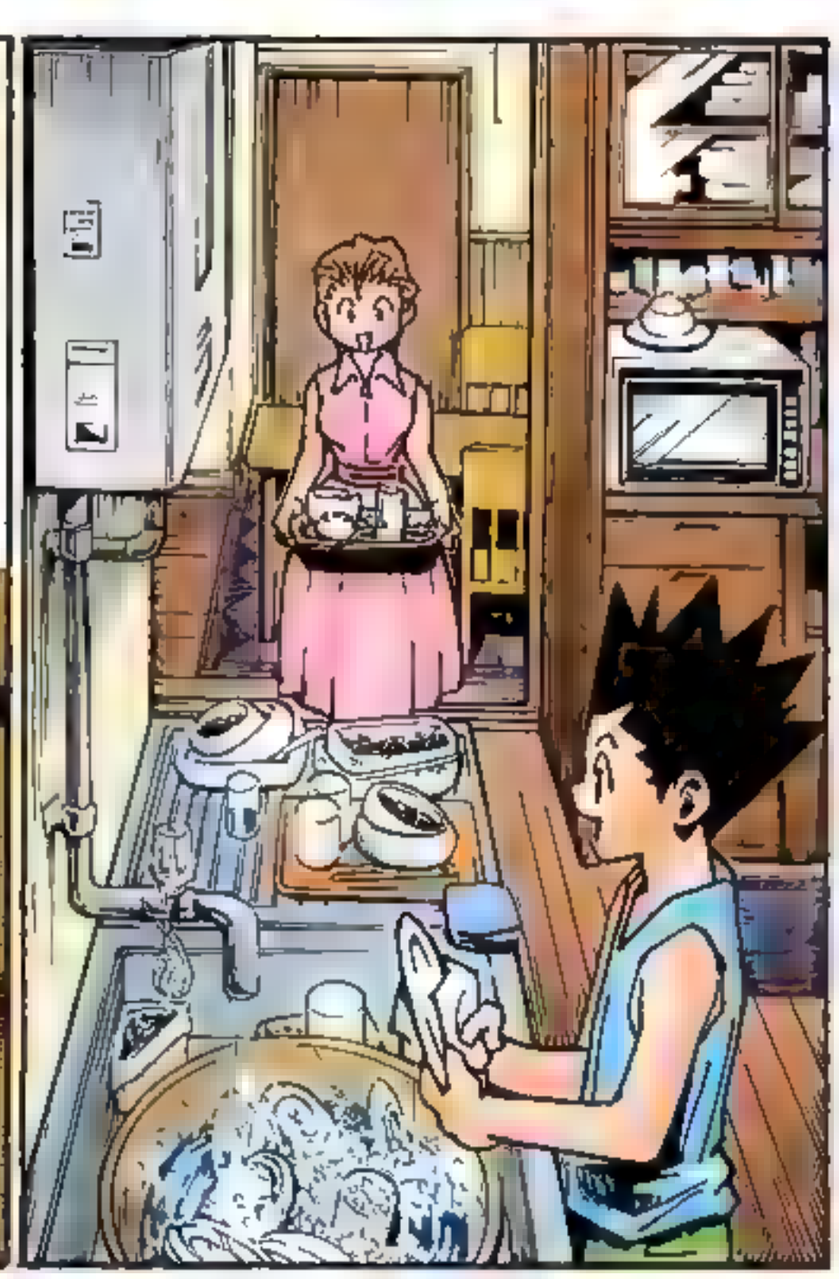


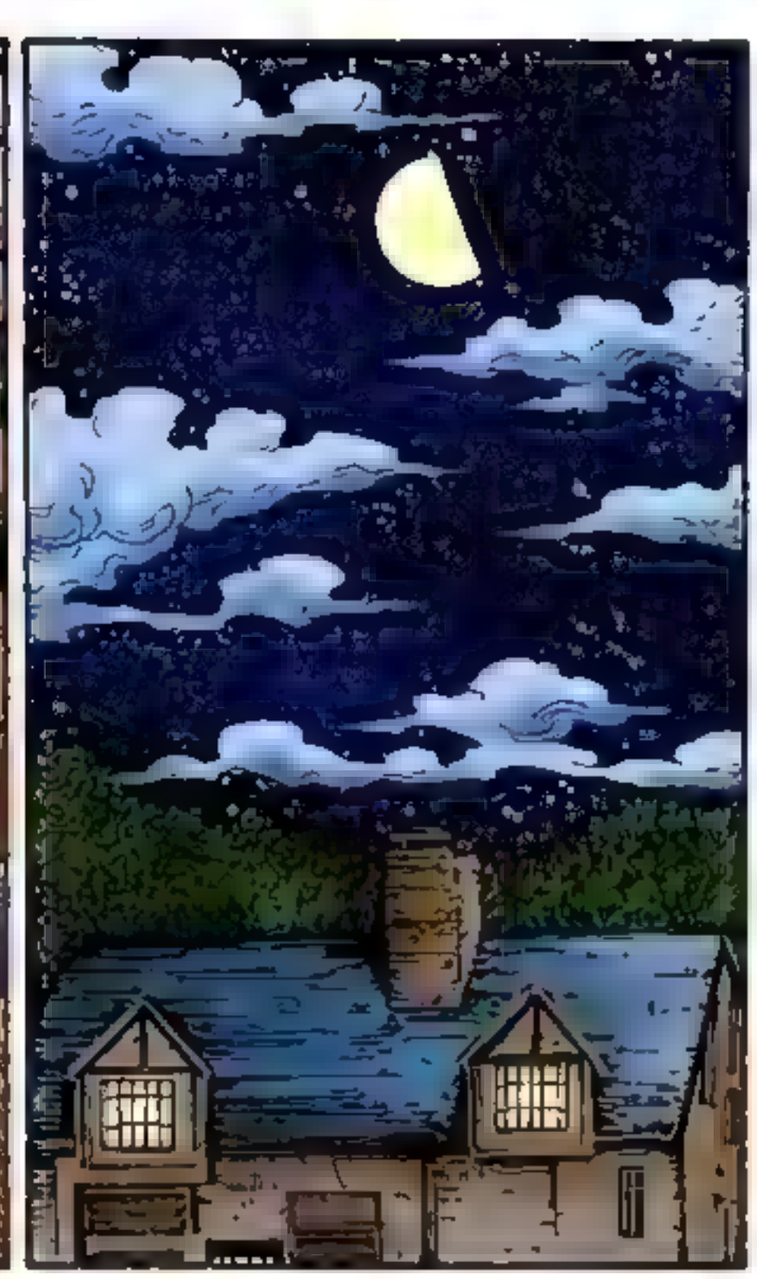







YOU DIDN'T WANT TO TRAVEL ALONG WITH HIM..?





I MIGHT HAVE GONE WITH HIM...

IF I STILL HAD MY NEN WHEN I FIRST MET HIM...

HMM, THE WAY I SEE IT...

WITH GING.

MHH...

IS THAT... REALLY WHY?

MY GOAL WAS JUST TO FIND HIM... I GUESS I ONLY REALIZED IT WHEN I DID FIND HIM.

I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT WELL... BUT... I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO MEET WITH GING.

YEAH, YOU'VE ALWAYS DID SAID THAT.

HE DOESN'T HAVE THE SKILLS OR MOTIVATION FOR IT!

THAT'S RIGHT, GING IS NOT CUT OUT TO BE A PARENT.

PLUS, GING ISN'T MUCH OF A DAD AND MORE OF A FUN UNCLE. HE'S ONLY AMAZING FROM HIS RUMORS.

WE TALKED AND IT WAS REALLY FUN. IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY THAT I GOT TO MEET HIM.

HAHA, I KNOW. I GUESS IT WASN'T A GOOD FOLLOW-UP.

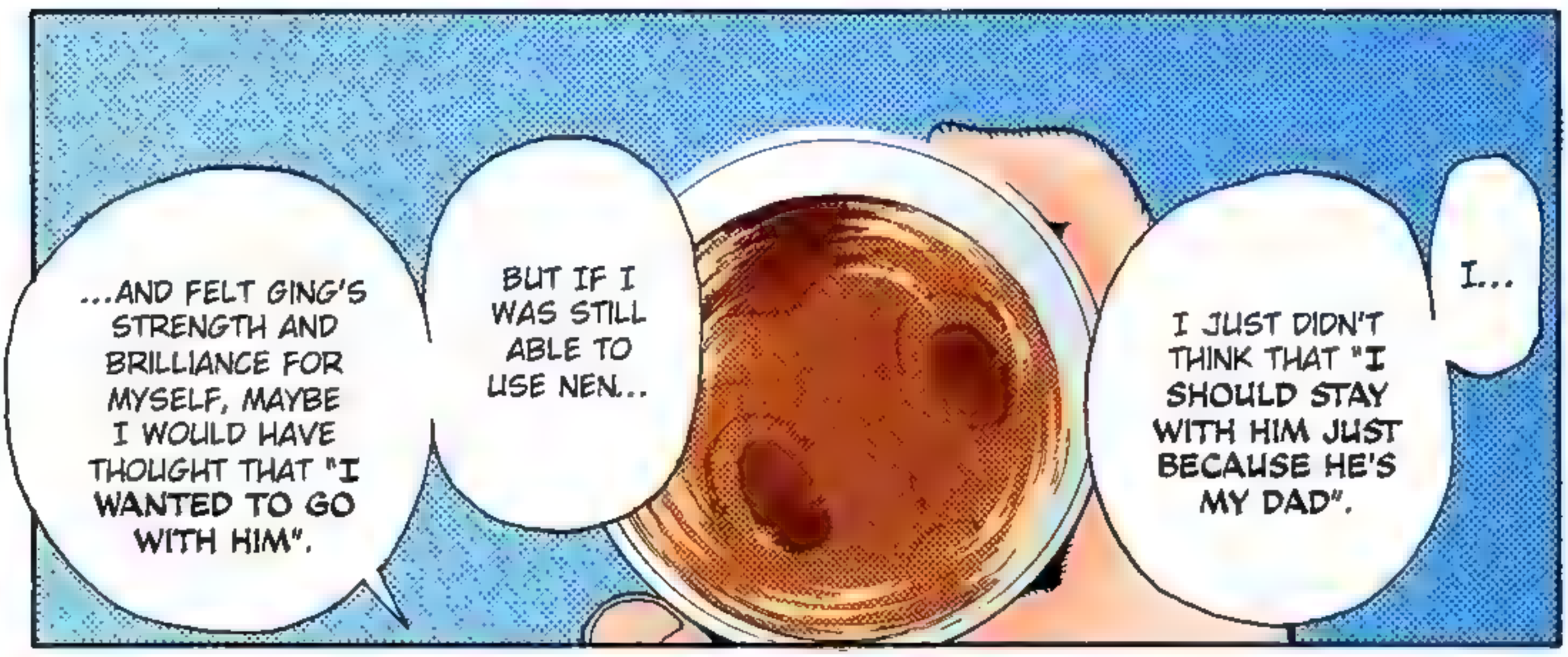
I'M JUST TRYING TO SAY THAT GING IS A JERK...

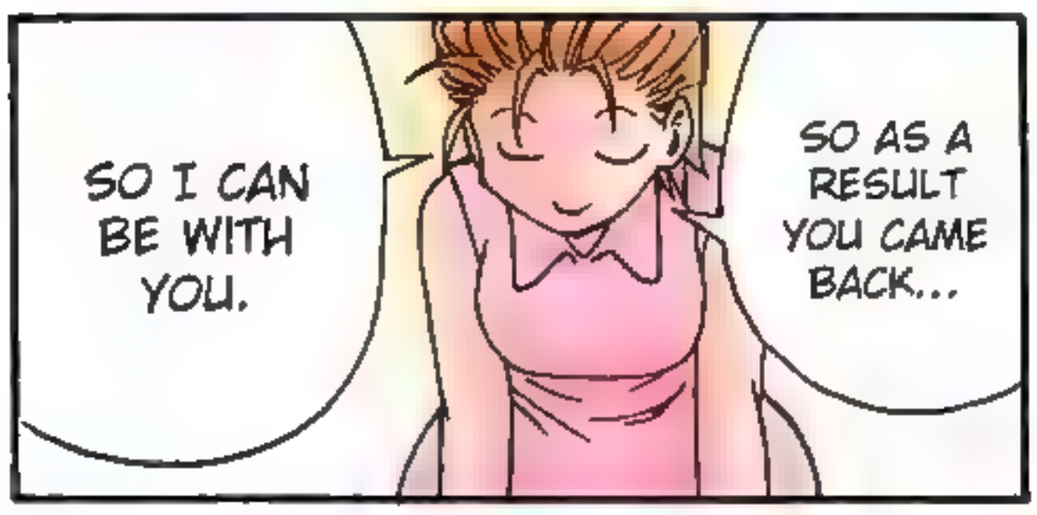
NO, I'M SORRY!! YOU KNOW IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, RIGHT?!

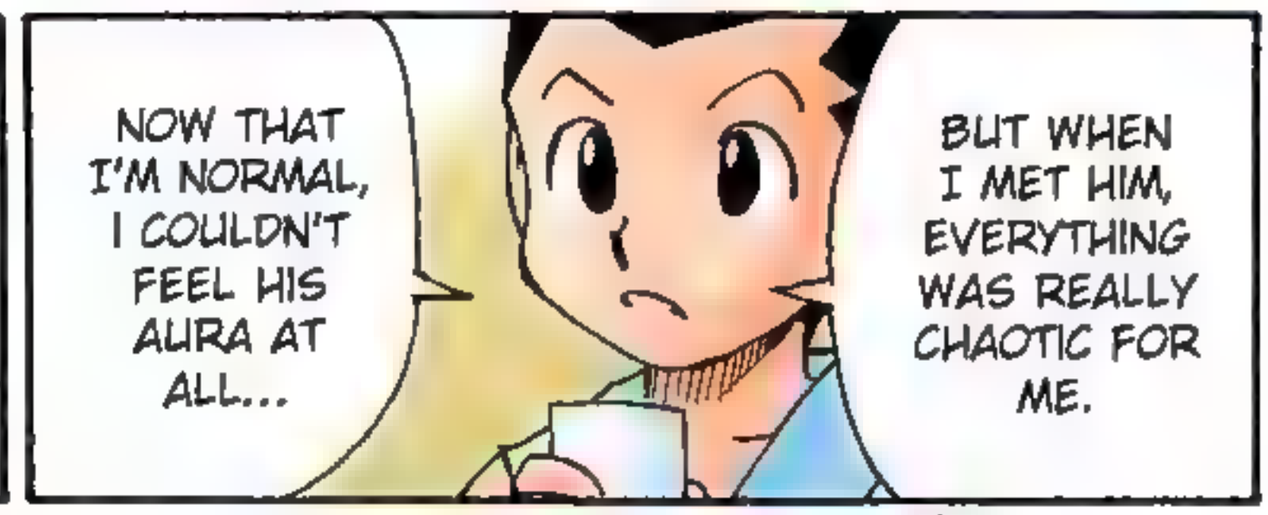
IT'S JUST A JOKE.

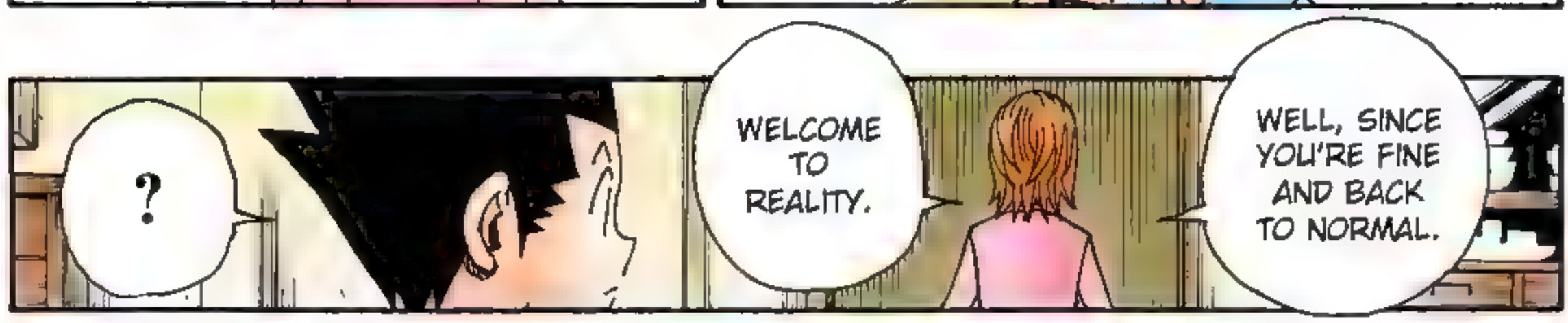
I PROBABLY WASN'T CUT OUT TO BE A SON.

WELL, I GUESS WE'RE STILL ALIKE THEN.


...AND FELT GING'S STRENGTH AND BRILLIANCE FOR MYSELF, MAYBE I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT "I WANTED TO GO WITH HIM".
BUT IF I WAS STILL ABLE TO USE NEN...
I JUST DIDN'T THINK THAT "I SHOULD STAY WITH HIM JUST BECAUSE HE'S MY DAD".
I...


SO I CAN BE WITH YOU.
SO AS A RESULT YOU CAME BACK...


NOW THAT I'M NORMAL, I COULDN'T FEEL HIS AURA AT ALL...
BUT WHEN I MET HIM, EVERYTHING WAS REALLY CHAOTIC FOR ME.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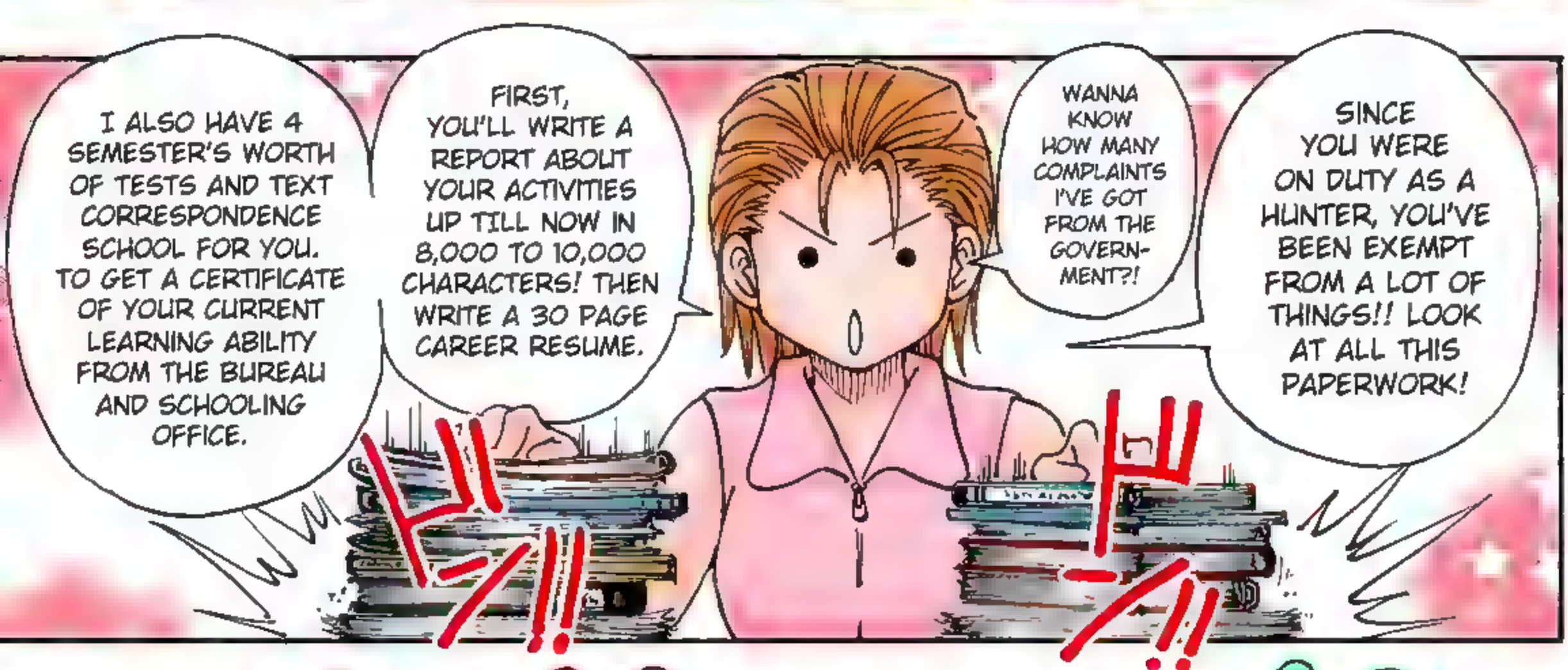
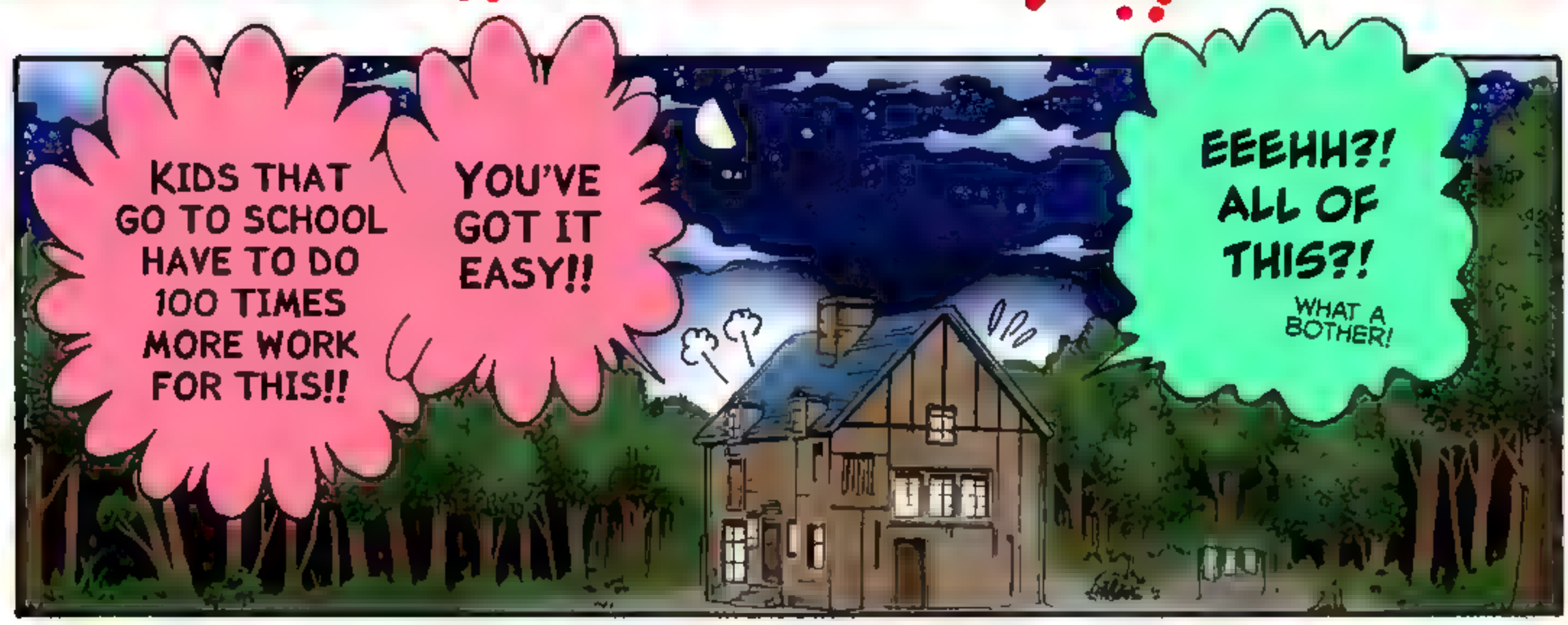
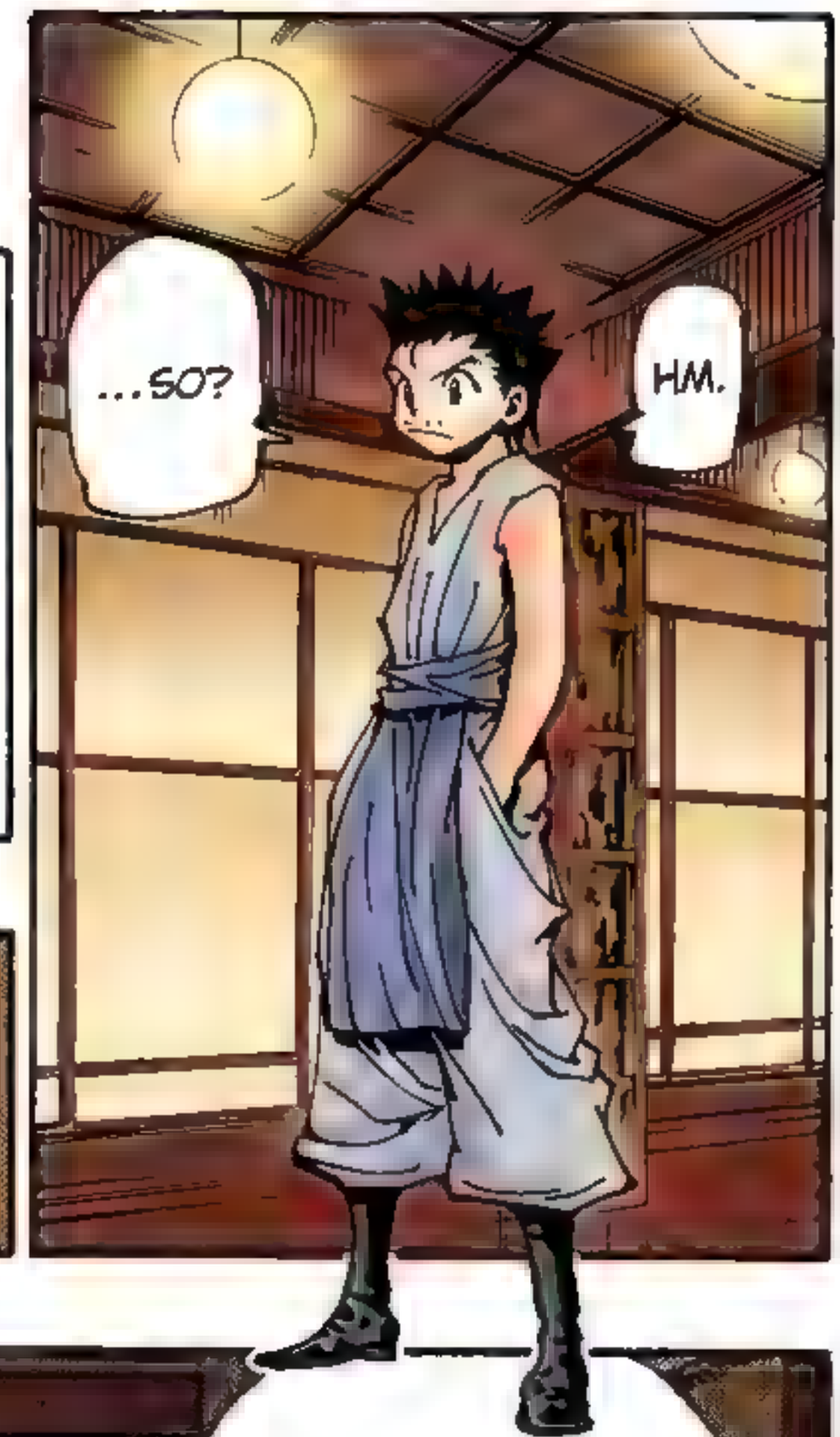
WELCOME TO REALITY.
WELL, SINCE YOU'RE FINE AND BACK TO NORMAL.

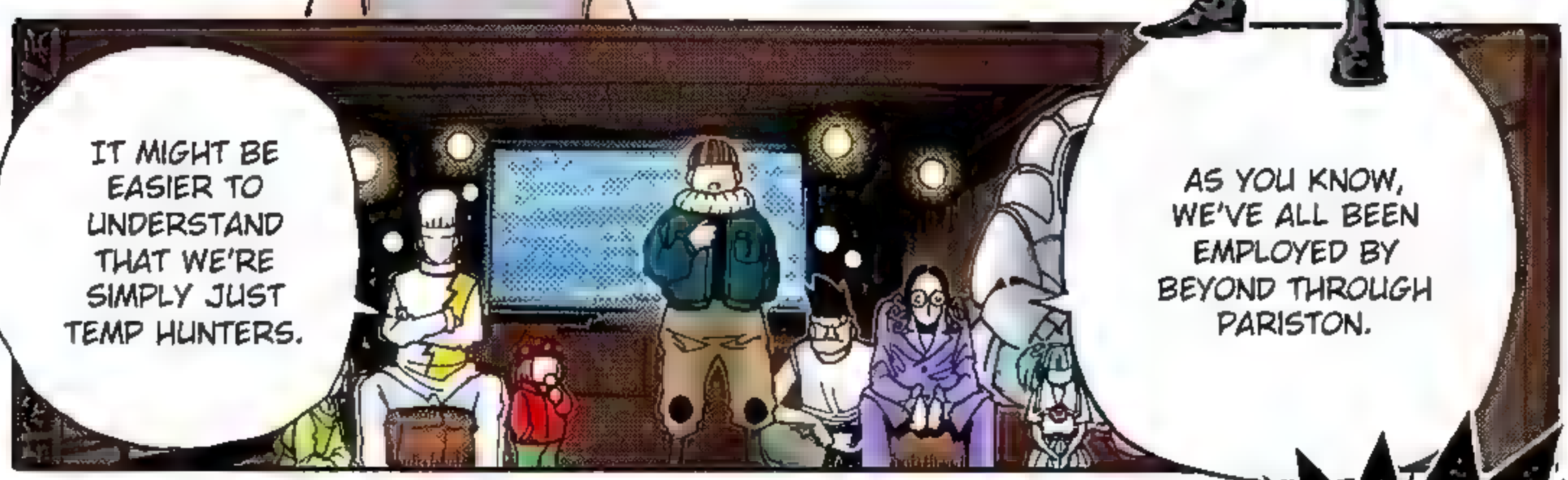

I ALSO HAVE 4 SEMESTER'S WORTH OF TESTS AND TEXT CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL FOR YOU. TO GET A CERTIFICATE OF YOUR CURRENT LEARNING ABILITY FROM THE BUREAU AND SCHOOLING OFFICE.
FIRST, YOU'LL WRITE A REPORT ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES UP TILL NOW IN 8,000 TO 10,000 CHARACTERS! THEN WRITE A 30 PAGE CAREER RESUME.
WANNA KNOW HOW MANY COMPLAINTS I'VE GOT FROM THE GOVERN-MENT?!
SINCE YOU WERE ON DUTY AS A HUNTER, YOU'VE BEEN EXEMPT FROM A LOT OF THINGS!! LOOK AT ALL THIS PAPERWORK!


KIDS THAT GO TO SCHOOL HAVE TO DO 100 TIMES MORE WORK FOR THIS!!
YOU'VE GOT IT EASY!!
EEEHH?! ALL OF THIS?!
WHAT A BOTHER!

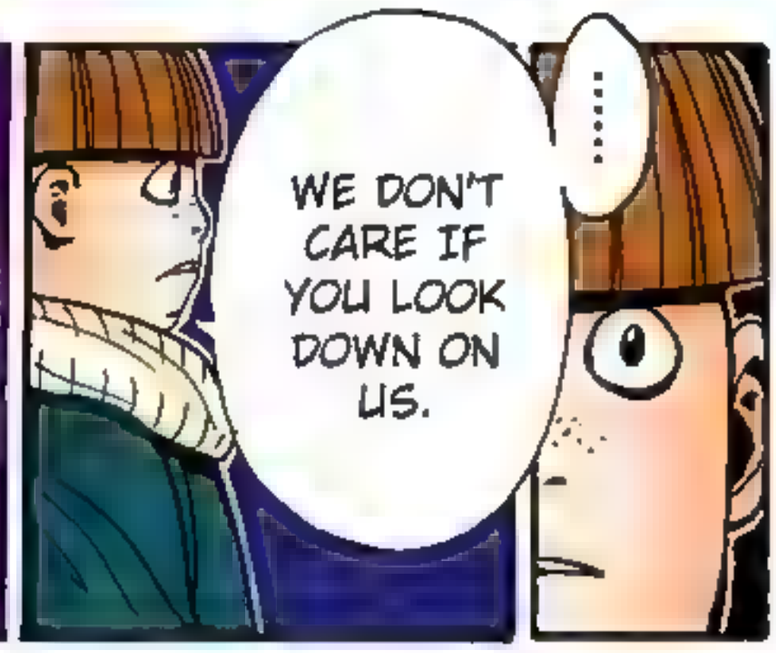
WE'VE GOT NO PROBLEM WITH YOU BEING BEYOND'S RIGHT HAND MAN.
AS LONG AS PARISTON ACKNOWLEDGES AS YOU NO.2...
WE TALKED IT OUT WHILE YOU WERE GONE.
WE'VE DIVIDED THOSE THAT DON'T WANT THE MONEY.
BUT...
...AND THOSE THAT HAVE NO PROBLEM ACCEPTING IT.

...ONLY UNTIL WE'VE ALL DECIDED TO ACCEPT YOUR MONEY.
TO AVOID DISORDER, WE'VE AGREED NOT TO LISTEN TO ANY OF YOUR ORDERS...


...SO?
HM.


IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE SIMPLY JUST TEMP HUNTERS.
AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE ALL BEEN EMPLOYED BY BEYOND THROUGH PARISTON.

EVEN AS A GROUP, WE'RE NO MATCH FOR A STAR HUNTER SUCH AS YOURSELF.


WE DON'T CARE IF YOU LOOK DOWN ON US.
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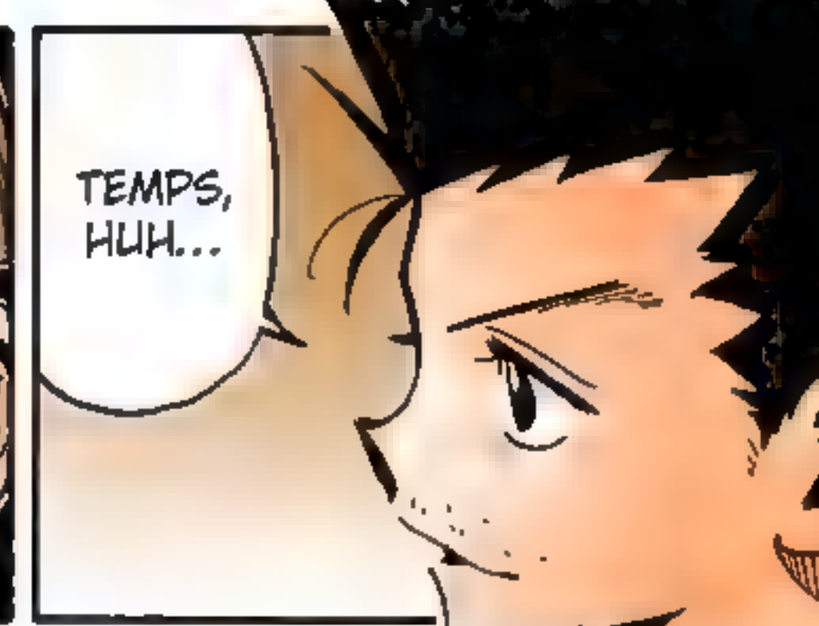
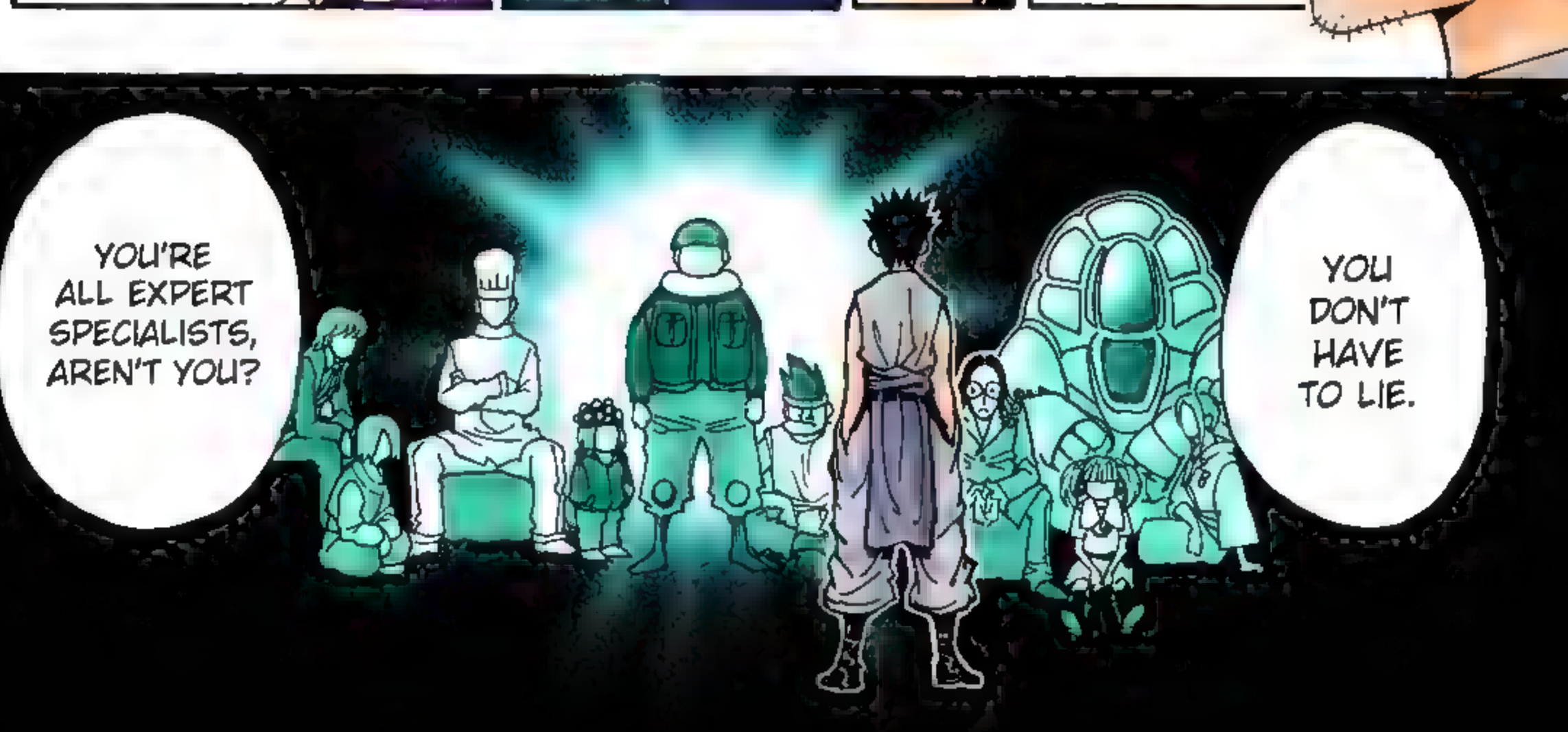
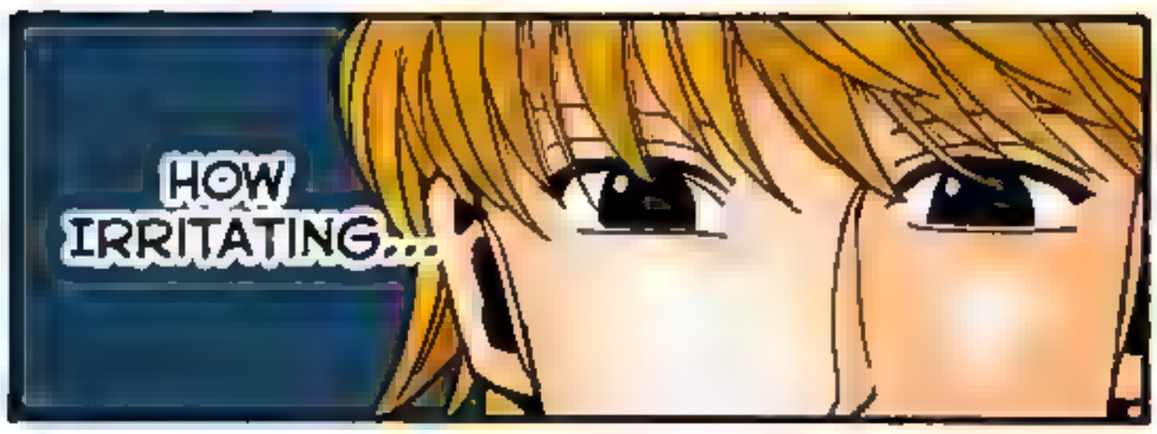

TEMPS, HUH...

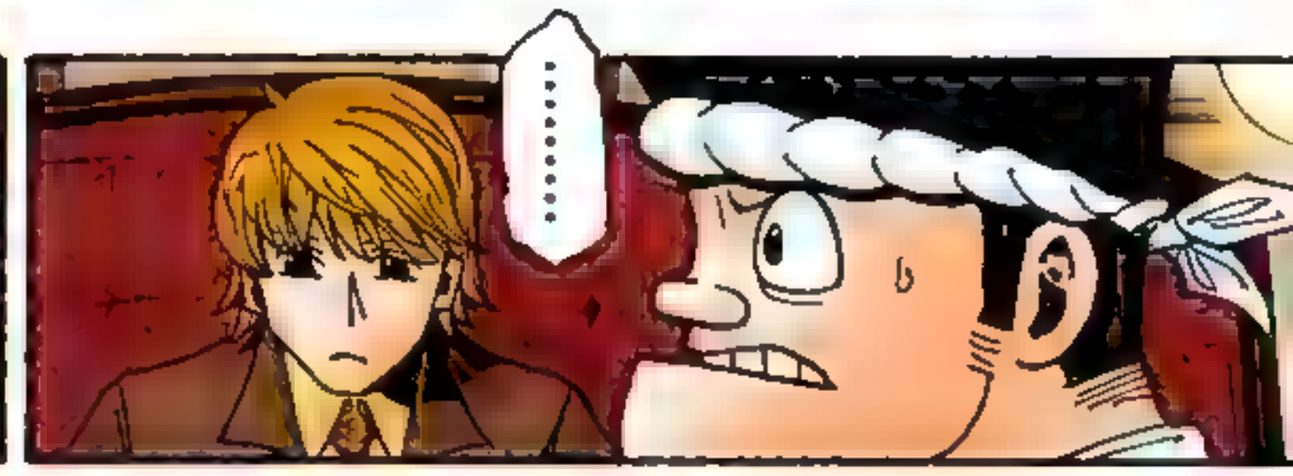

YOU'RE ALL EXPERT SPECIALISTS, AREN'T YOU?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIE.

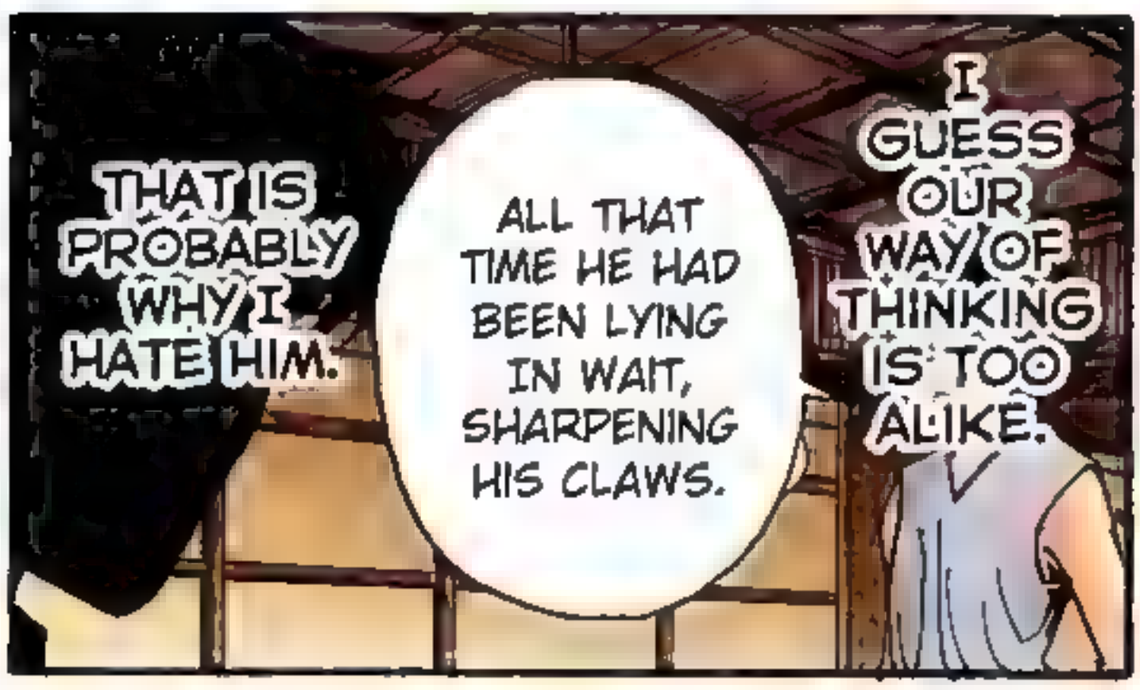
WITH BEYOND AS A LEADER, THIS HAS BEEN PLANNED LONG IN ADVANCE.

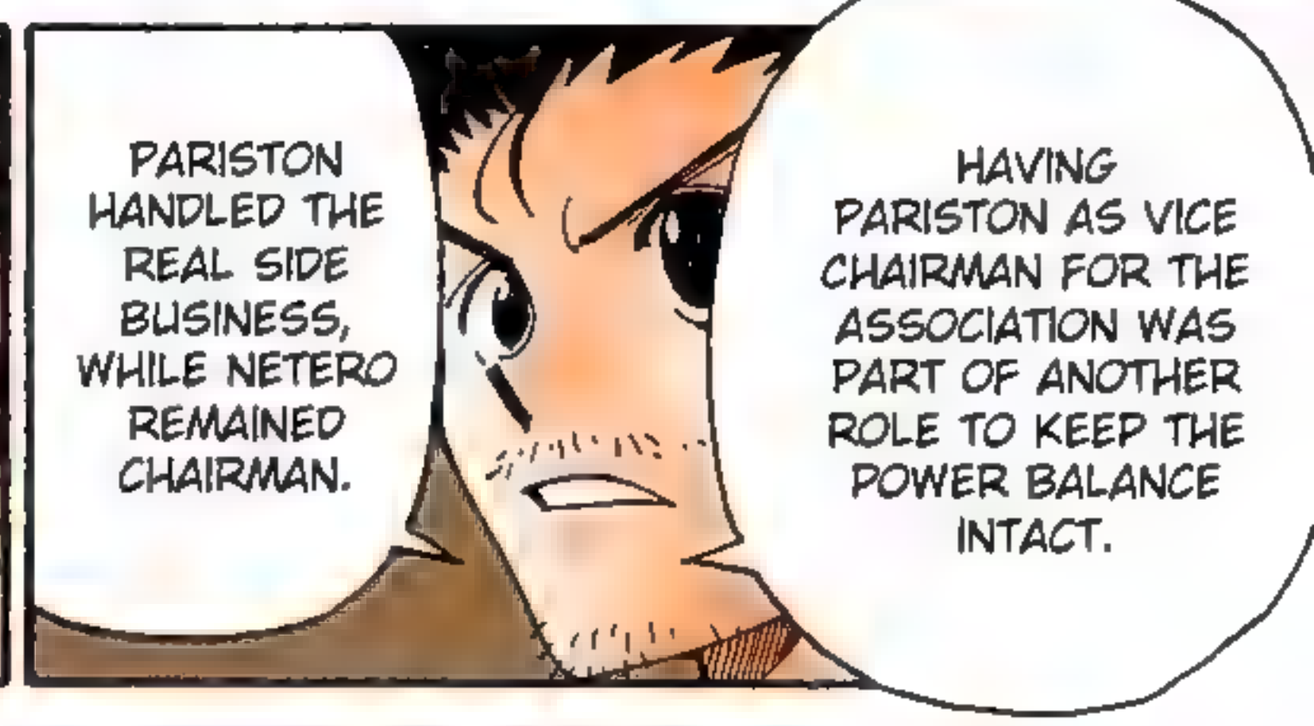
EACH OF YOU POSSESSES A SKILL TO FACE THIS HARSH AND UNKNOWN ENVIRONMENT ...!

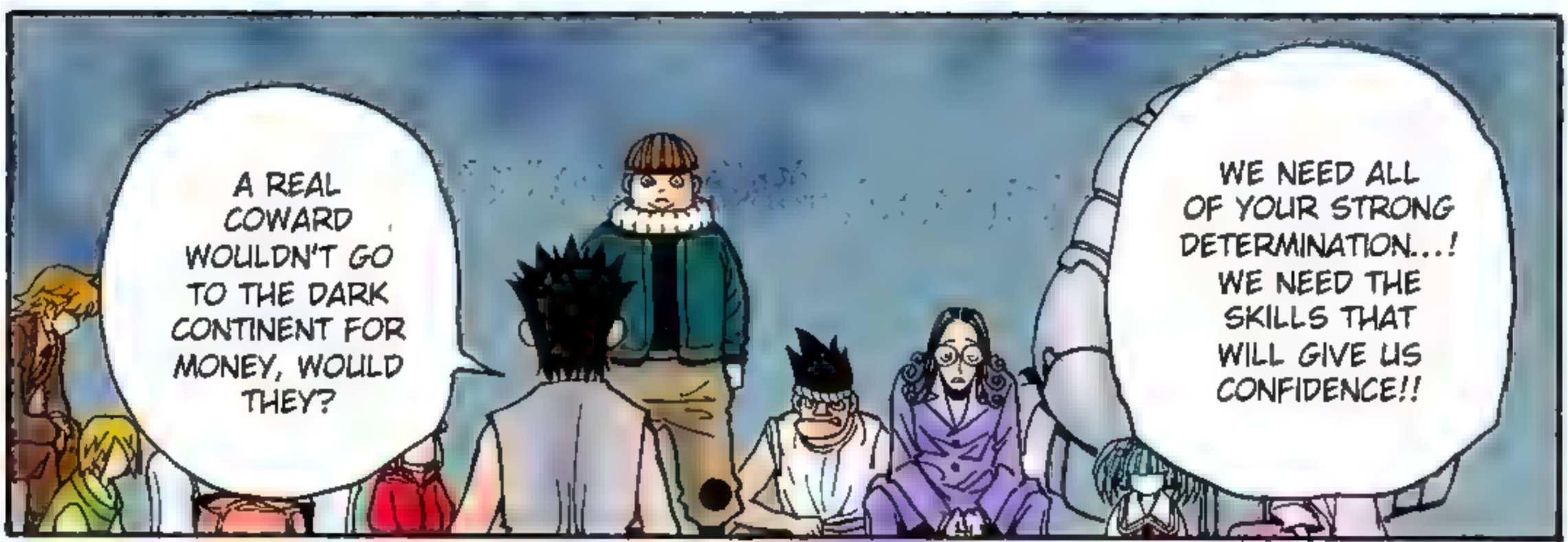
THE WHOLE REASON YOU BECAME HUNTERS WAS FOR THIS JOURNEY.











FOR THE FIRST TIME.

HATING SOME-ONE...

JUST END UP...

I MIGHT...

IRRITATING...

THIS IS SO...

GO AHEAD AND TELL "EVERYONE" ABOUT THE UPFRONT PAYMENT.

ANYWAYS... THE 10 OF YOU HERE ISN'T "EVERYONE", RIGHT?

I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS...

WASN'T AN ORDER, RIGHT?

THAT ...

...WANT TO SEE WHAT I WANT TO DO TO SOMEONE I HATE...

I...

SURE.

I WILL TELL EVERYONE ELSE.

WILL YOU TELL ME YOUR BACK DETAILS?

WHAT, WERE YOU HELD BACK BY YOUR FRIENDS?

IF EVERYONE IS GONNA KNOW ABOUT THIS...

I HAVE NO ISSUE TAKING THE MONEY.

GIVE IT TO BEYOND. HE'LL GLADLY TAKE IT, RIGHT?

NOT GONNA ANSWER ME, HUH.

WELL FINE

THERE'S NO NEED TO PAY ME BACK.

THERE ARE 200 OF YOU IN THE ASSOCIATION. THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE GOING TO THE CONTINENT WILL BE MUCH LESS.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU.

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ACTUALLY ARE?

ONLY FOR HIM TO DOUBLE IT...!! TOP HUNTERS HAVE SOME FEARSOME ASSETS...!!

BEYOND PROMISED THE TEAM 1.5 BILLION AND THE ALTERNATE TEAM 2 BILLION.

MAYBE THERE'S OTHERS FROM THE ASSOCIATION TRYING TO GO? CHEADLE AND MIZAI ARE PROBABLY GONNA STOP THEM..

THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING SHOULD BE 25 MAX... ANY MORE AND THE UNIT WOULD BE TOO BIG.

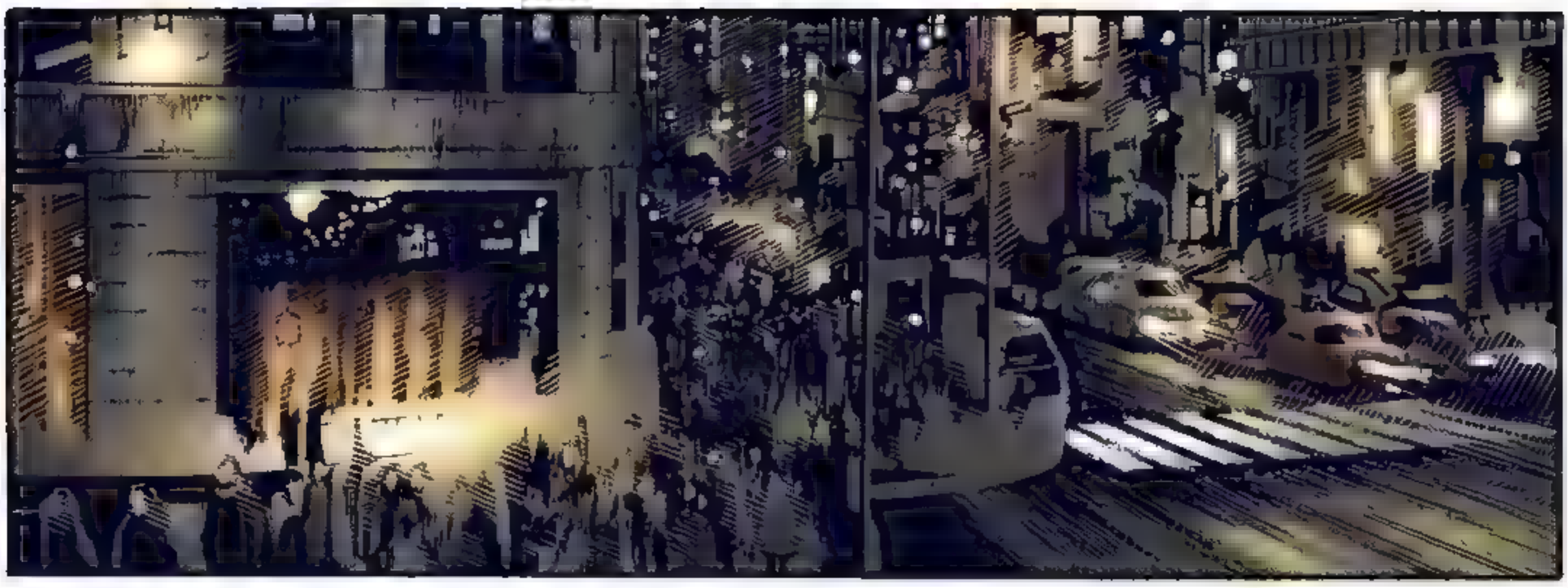
IS THERE REALLY ANY MEANING TO THIS...?

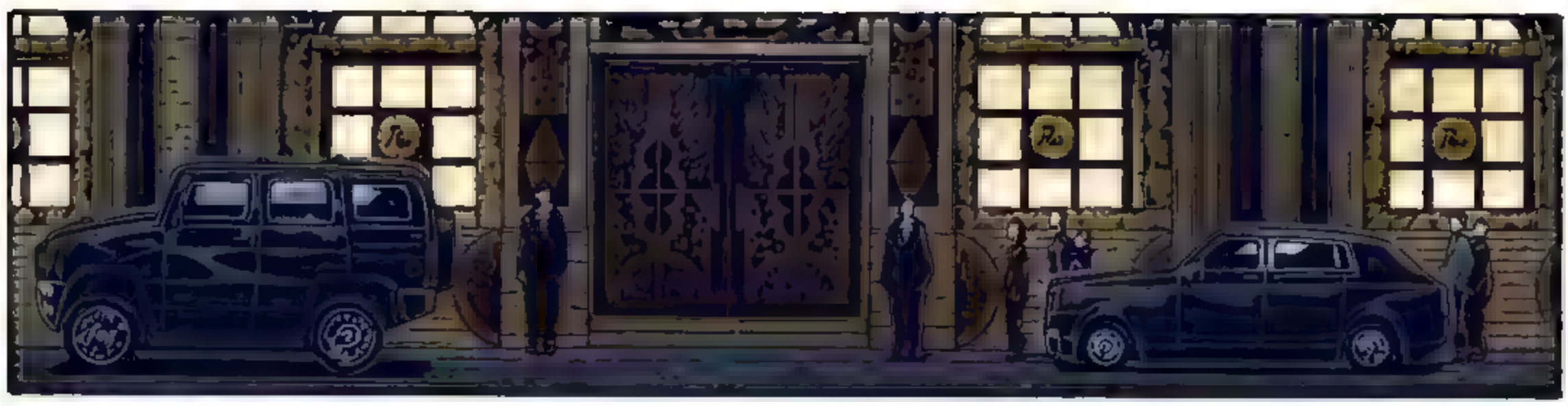
YOU CAN MAKE OFF WITH THIS KIND OF MONEY, BUT I'M HOPING YOU'LL USE THE PROFIT FROM WHAT YOU BRING BACK FROM THE CONTINENT.

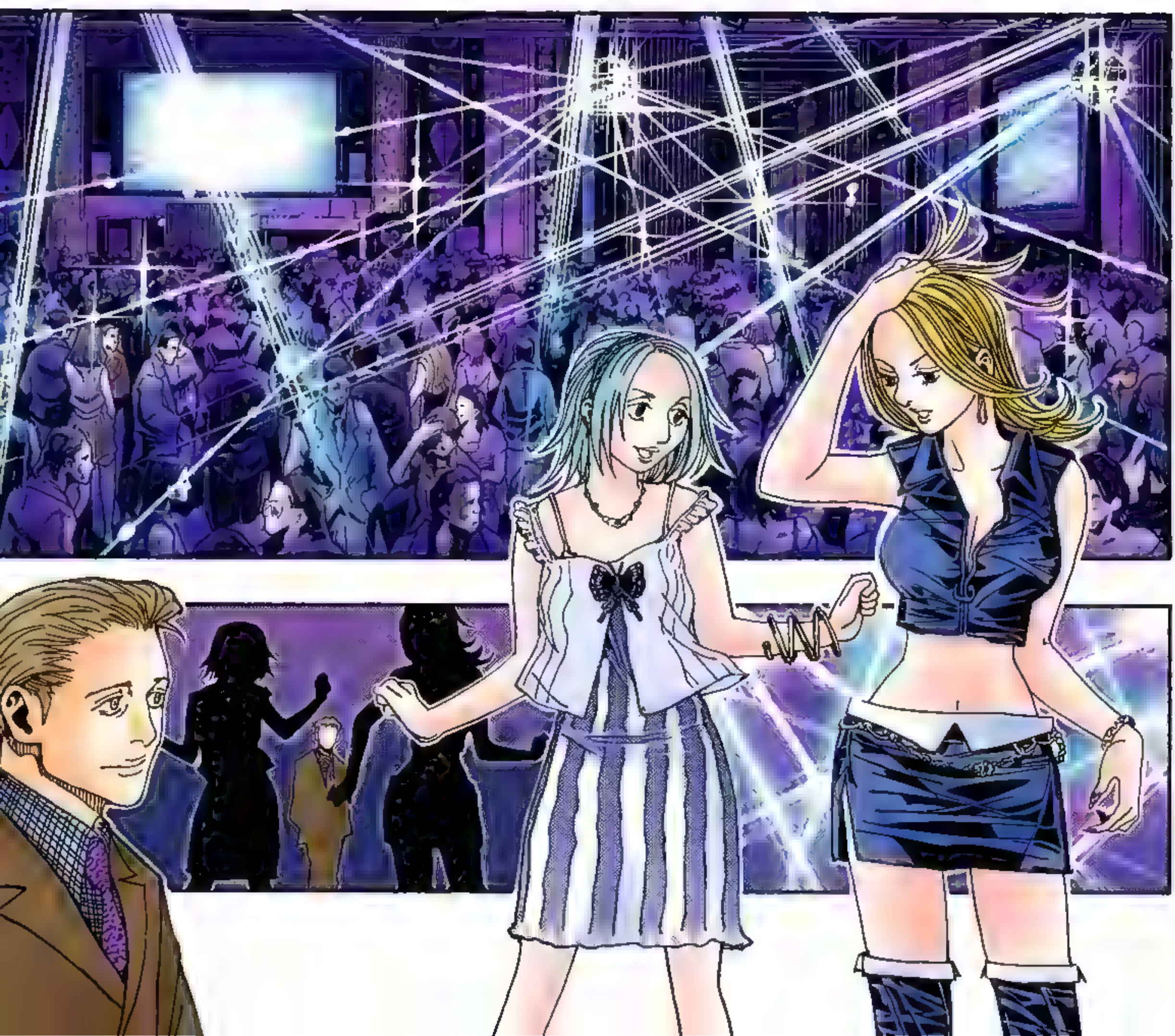
IT'LL GET YOU SOMEWHERE AT LEAST.

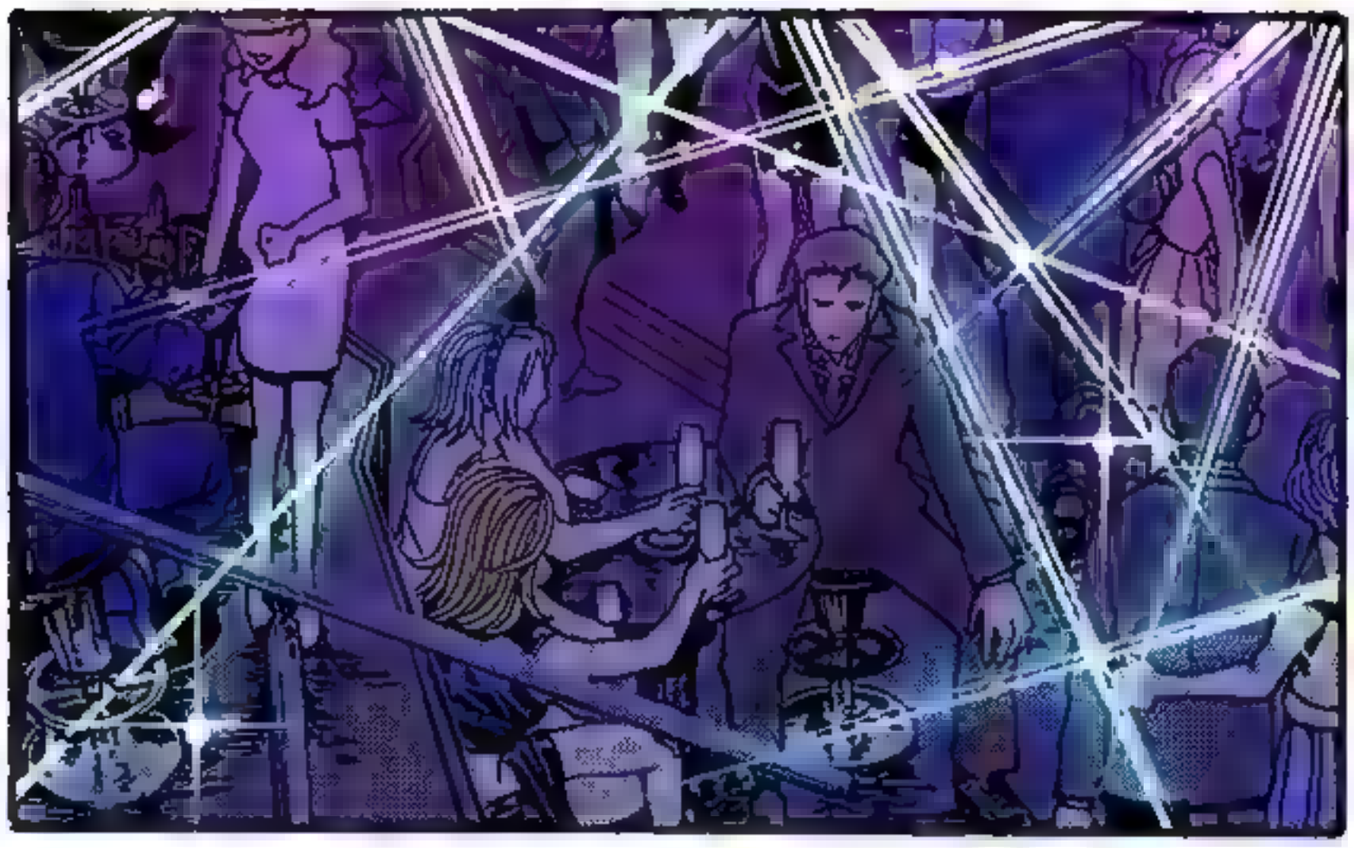
THIS PAY IS MEANT FOR EVERYONE, EVEN FOR THOSE STAYING BEHIND.

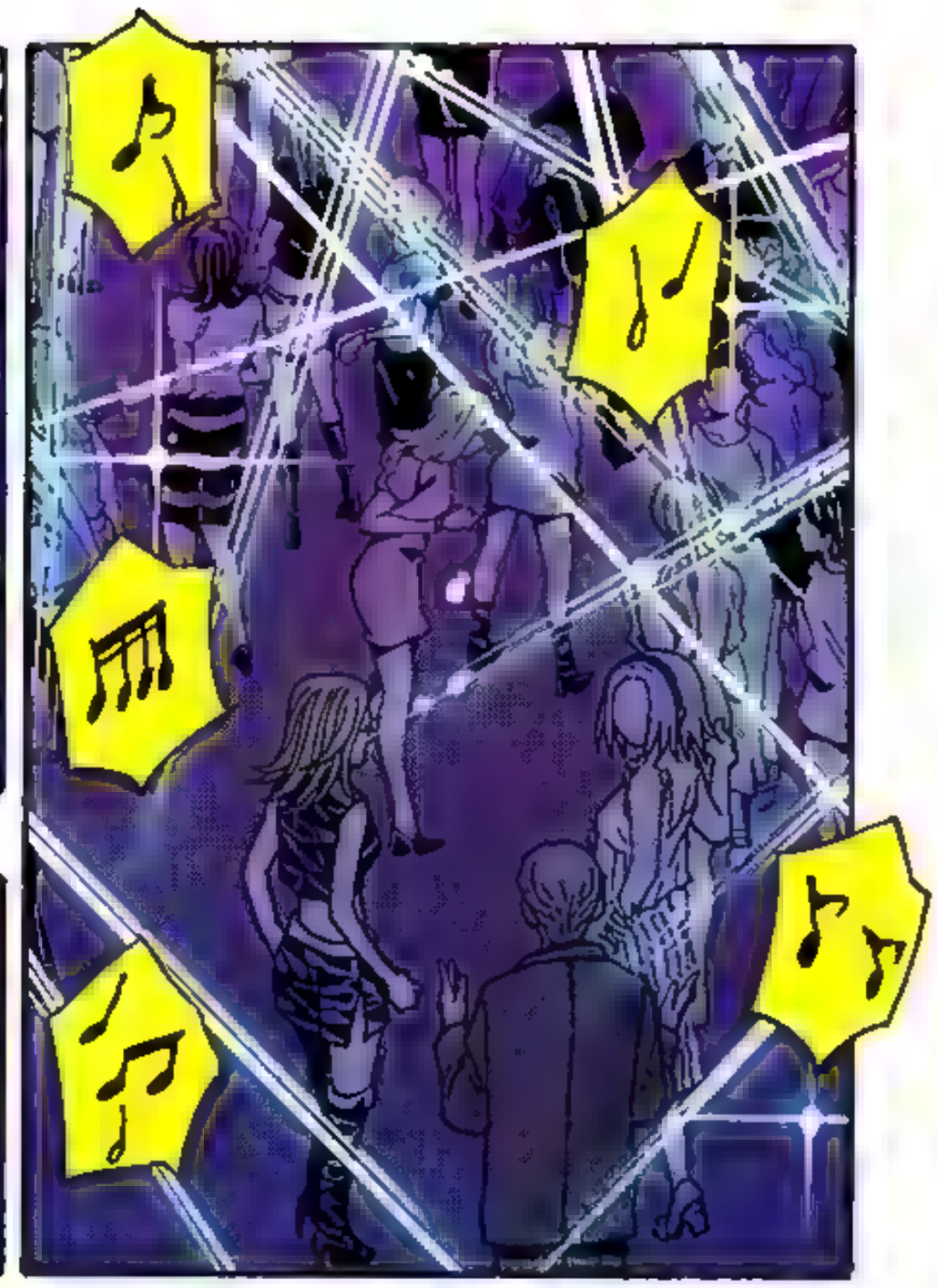
BUT... TO GO THIS FAR TO TAKE PARISTON NOMINAL AUTHORITY.

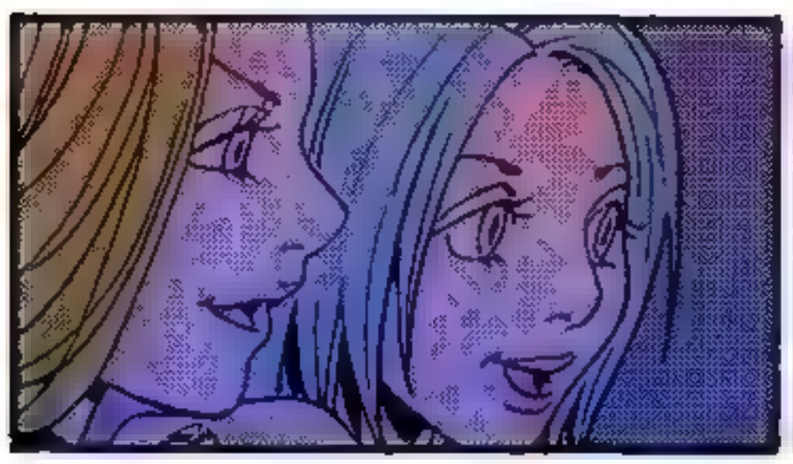


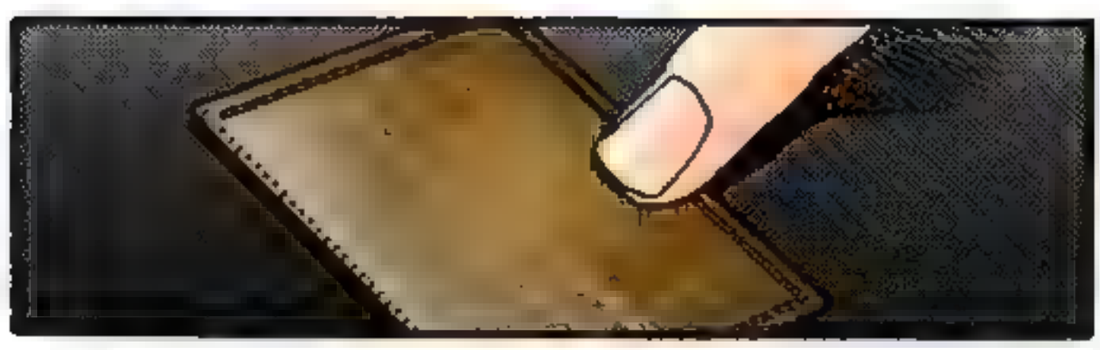


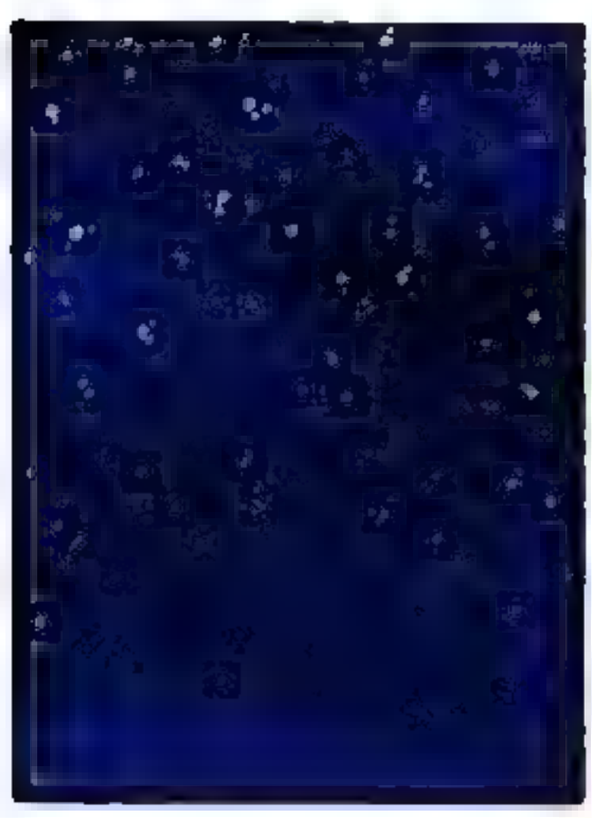


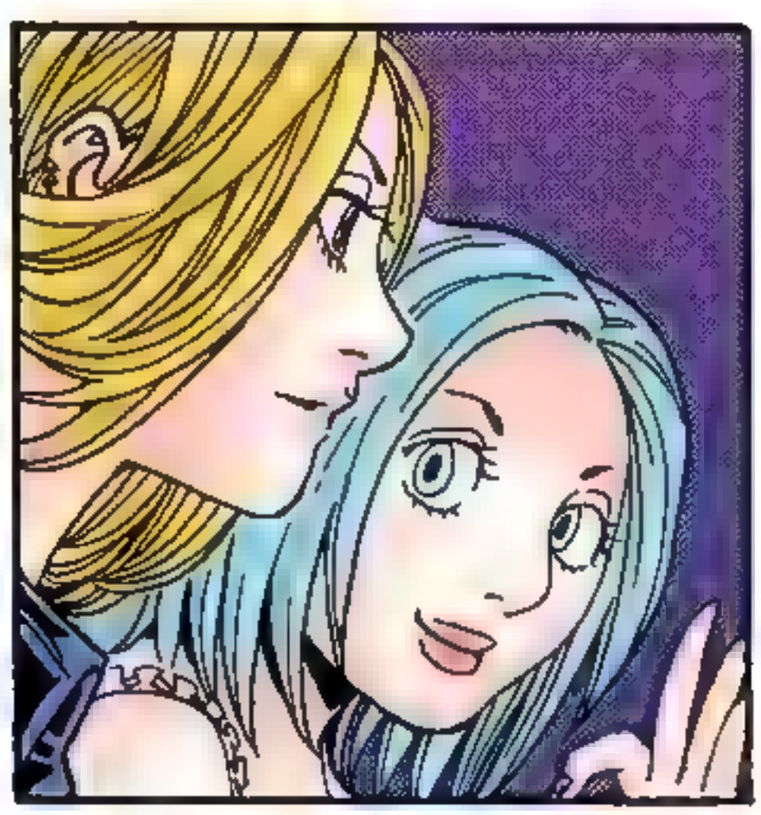


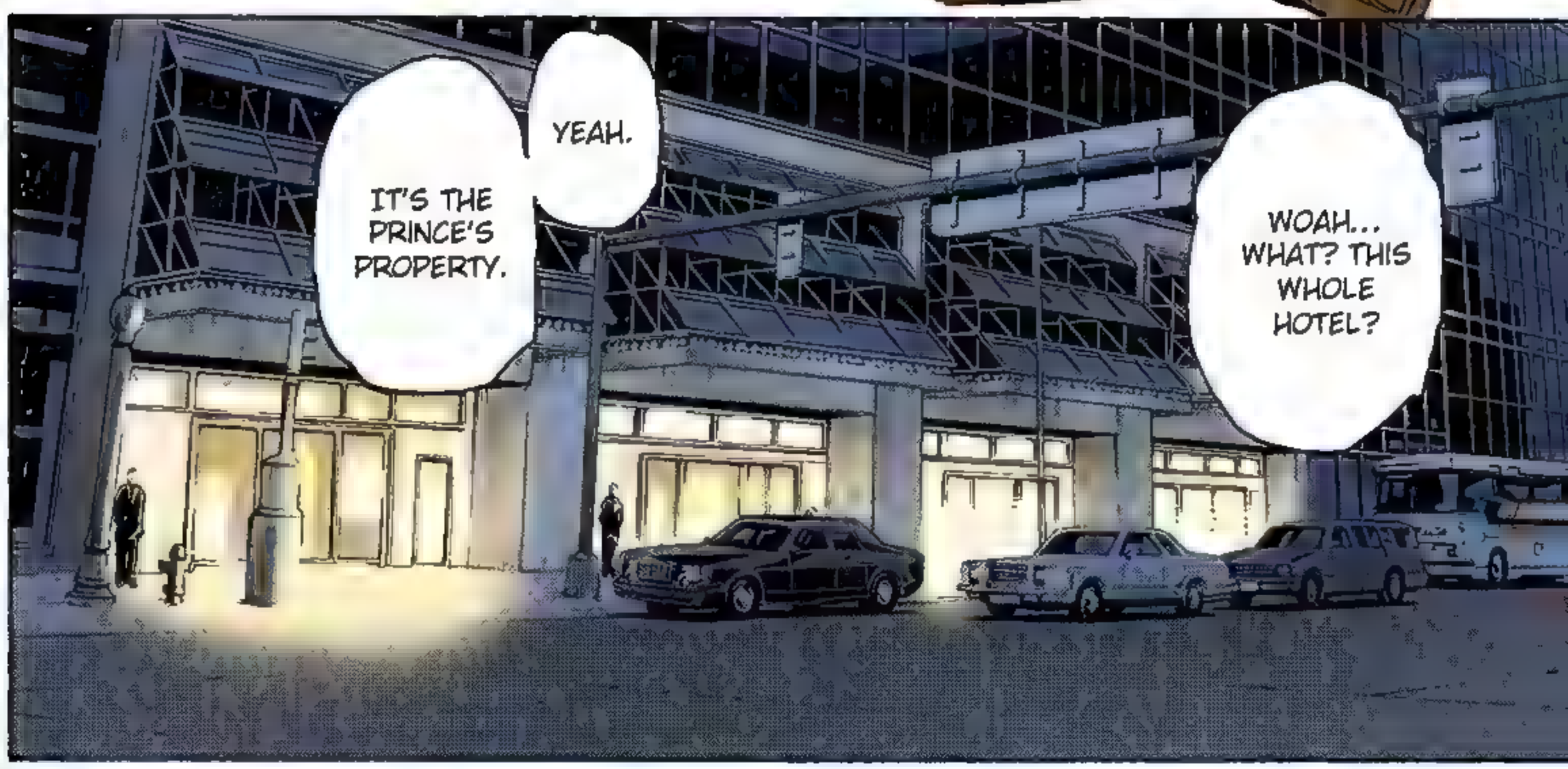











IT'S THE PRINCE'S PROPERTY.
YEAH.
WOAH... WHAT? THIS WHOLE HOTEL?

PLEASE, DON'T BE SHY.

WEL-COME.

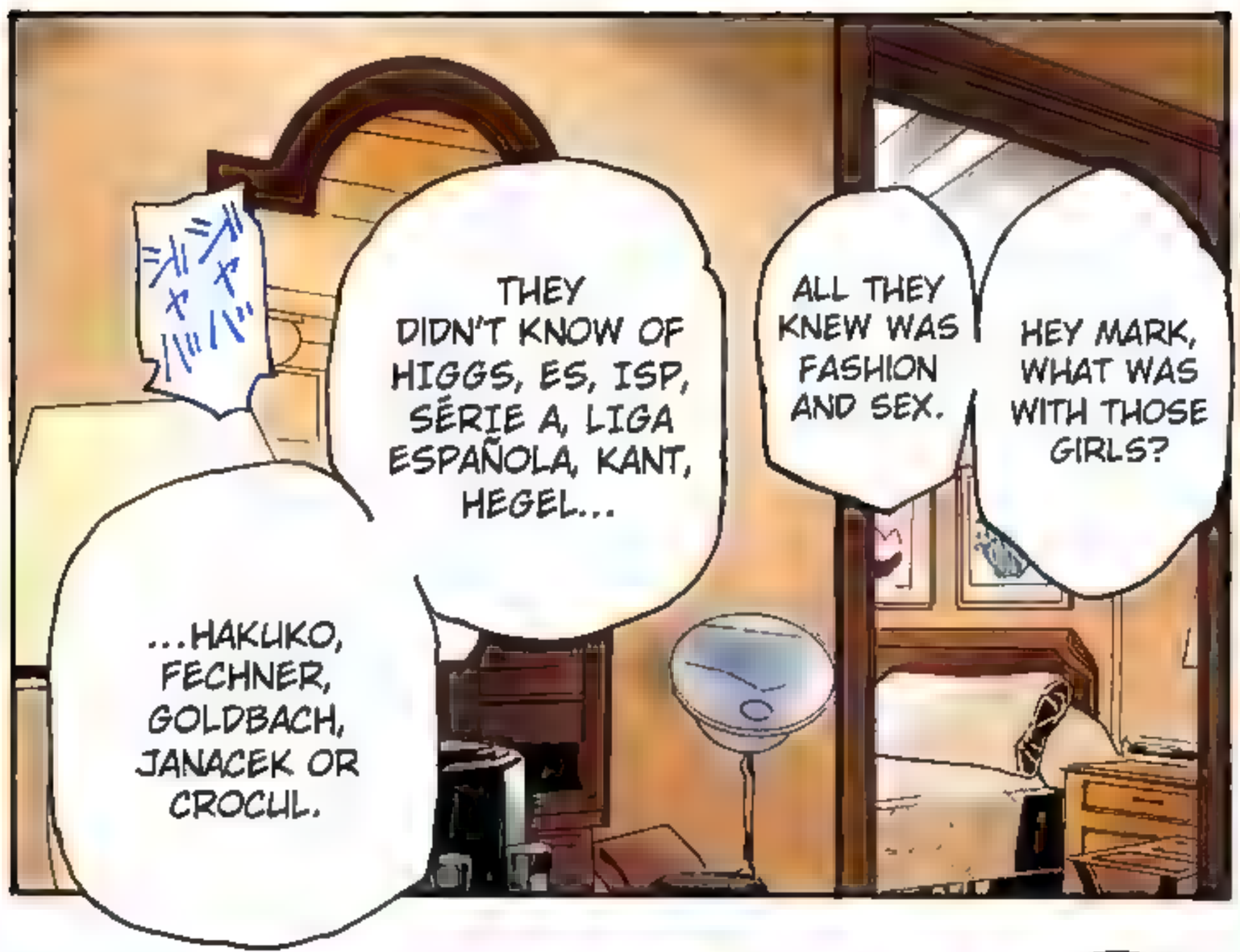
TO AVOID LOSING TOUCH WITH THE WORLD.

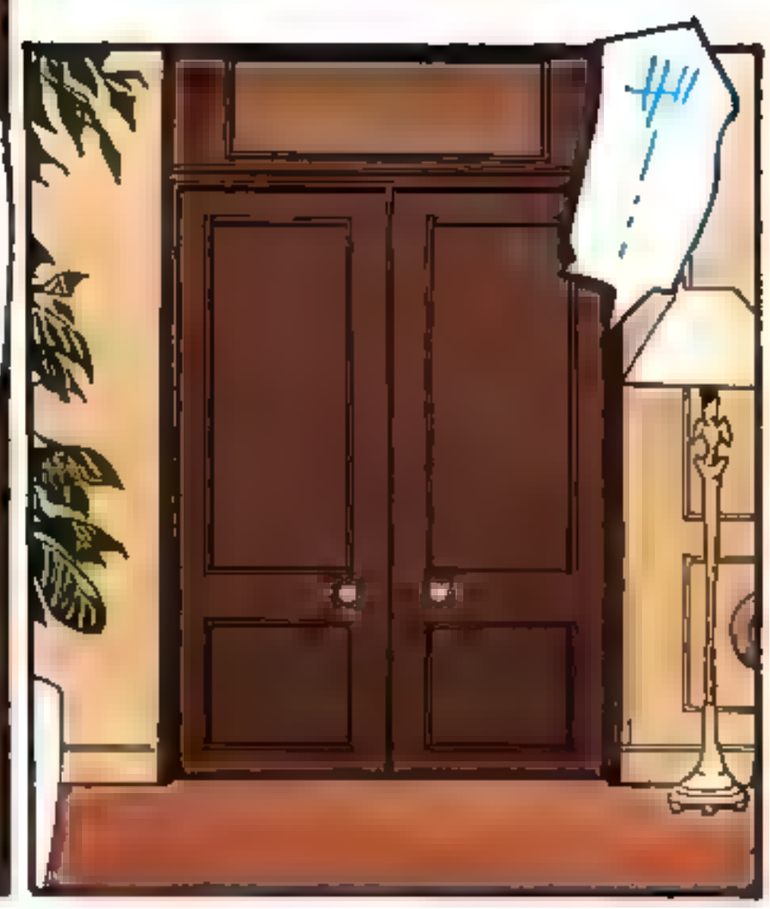
I WANT TO HEAR ALL YOUR STORIES.

WANT A DRINK?

HAHAHA, I LIKE INVITING PEOPLE OVER TO NOT FEEL ALONE.

DO YOU LIVE HERE BY YOURSELF?


THEY DIDN'T KNOW OF HIGGS, ES, ISP, SÉRIE A, LIGA ESPAÑOLA, KANT, HEGEL...
...HAKUKO, FECHNER, GOLDBACH, JANACEK OR CROCUL.
ALL THEY KNEW WAS FASHION AND SEX.
HEY MARK, WHAT WAS WITH THOSE GIRLS?



THAT'S THE MINIMUM TO QUALIFY FOR AS A HUMAN.
NEXT TIME, MAKE SURE TO SEE IF THEY KNOW THE CAPITAL OF KAKIN, THE RULING PARTY OR EVEN THE NAME OF THE KING.
WHAT I WANT IS A PIECE OF INSPIRING ART THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A FUTURE WILL BRING ABOUT WHEN CONFRONTED WITH EXTREME SITUATIONS.
IF I'M SKINNING A PIG OR A MONKEY IT'S JUST A DISSECTION, ISN'T IT?
AND MAKE IT QUICK.
NOW BRING ME 2 MORE WOMEN.

HE WILL SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON.

TELL HIM THAT IF HE VIOLATES THE RULES EVEN ONCE...

MAKE SURE TO WRITE UP A CONTRACT LIKE I SAID AND GET BEYOND TO SIGN IT.

...AND STARTS A RIOT BY FINDING AND CLAIMING THE RIGHT TO SOMETHING ON THAT CONTINENT...

...AND CAUSES A SITUATION LIKE THIS, WHERE EVERYTHING IS BROCEASTED TO THE WHOLE WORLD...

WORST CASE... I DON'T WANT TO IMAGINE IT, BUT IF IT HAPPENS AND HE GETS AWAY...

YES.

I UNDER-STAND.

.....

I CAN GUARANTEE THAT NONE OF YOU WILL HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE.

...FULLY UNDERSTAND ...!!

YES...! WE...

READ THIS.

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, YOU'RE STILL IN CAPTIVITY AND ALL YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE CONSIDERABLY RESTRICTED.

THAT'S RIGHT.

EXACTLY LIKE I PREDICTED, RIGHT?

HEH.

ANY KIND COMMUNICATION WITH ANYONE WILL BE MONITORED AND INSPECTED BY US.

YOU'LL WEAR A TRACKING DEVICE THAT WILL TRACK YOUR EVERY MOVE.

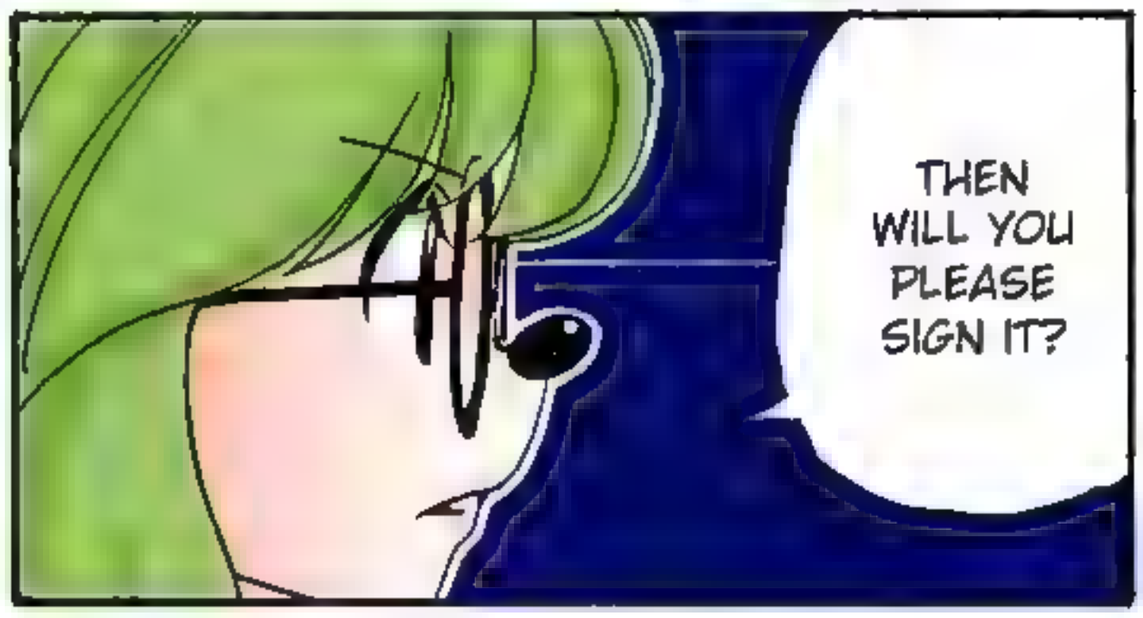
YOU'LL BE ESCORTED IF YOU WANNA GO OUT.

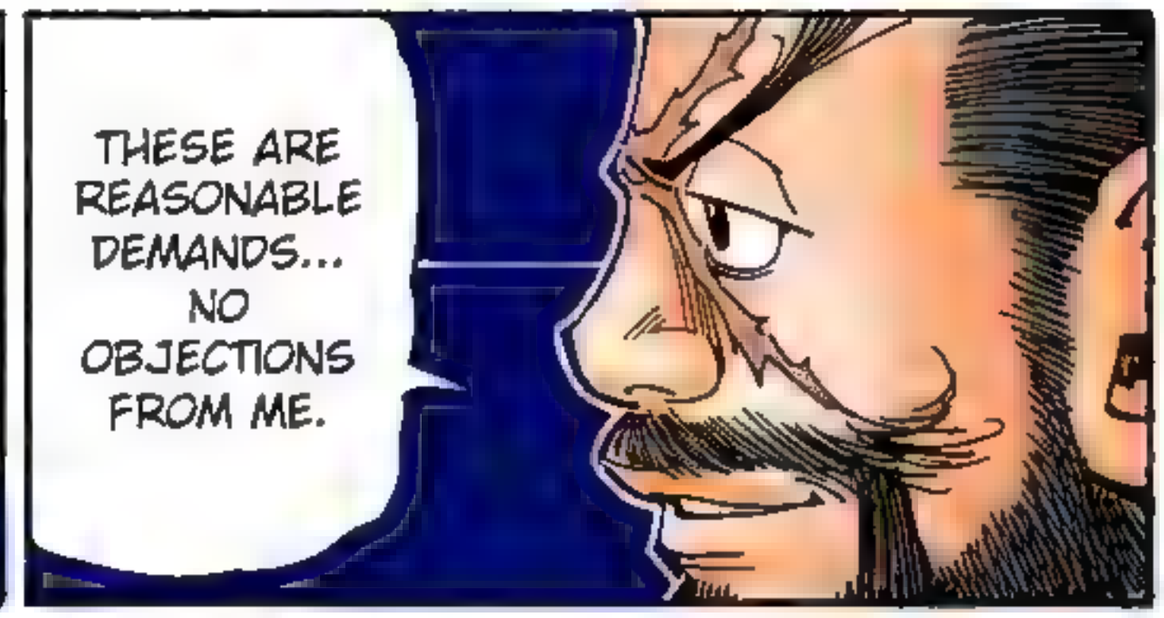
YOU WILL BE STAYING IN A ROOM UNDER A 24 HOUR SUPERVISION.

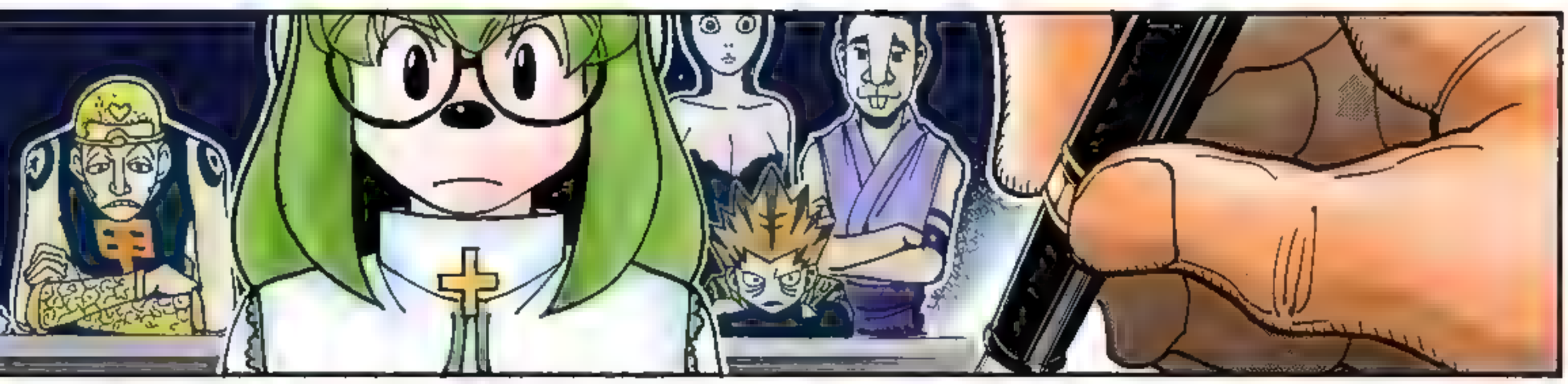
I SEE...

ANY OBJECT THAT IS FOUND THROUGH MY ACTIONS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE V6, ANY DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FORM TO THE MEDIA IS FORBIDDEN.

FOR THIS VOYAGE, I WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO AGAINST THE ASSOCIATION.

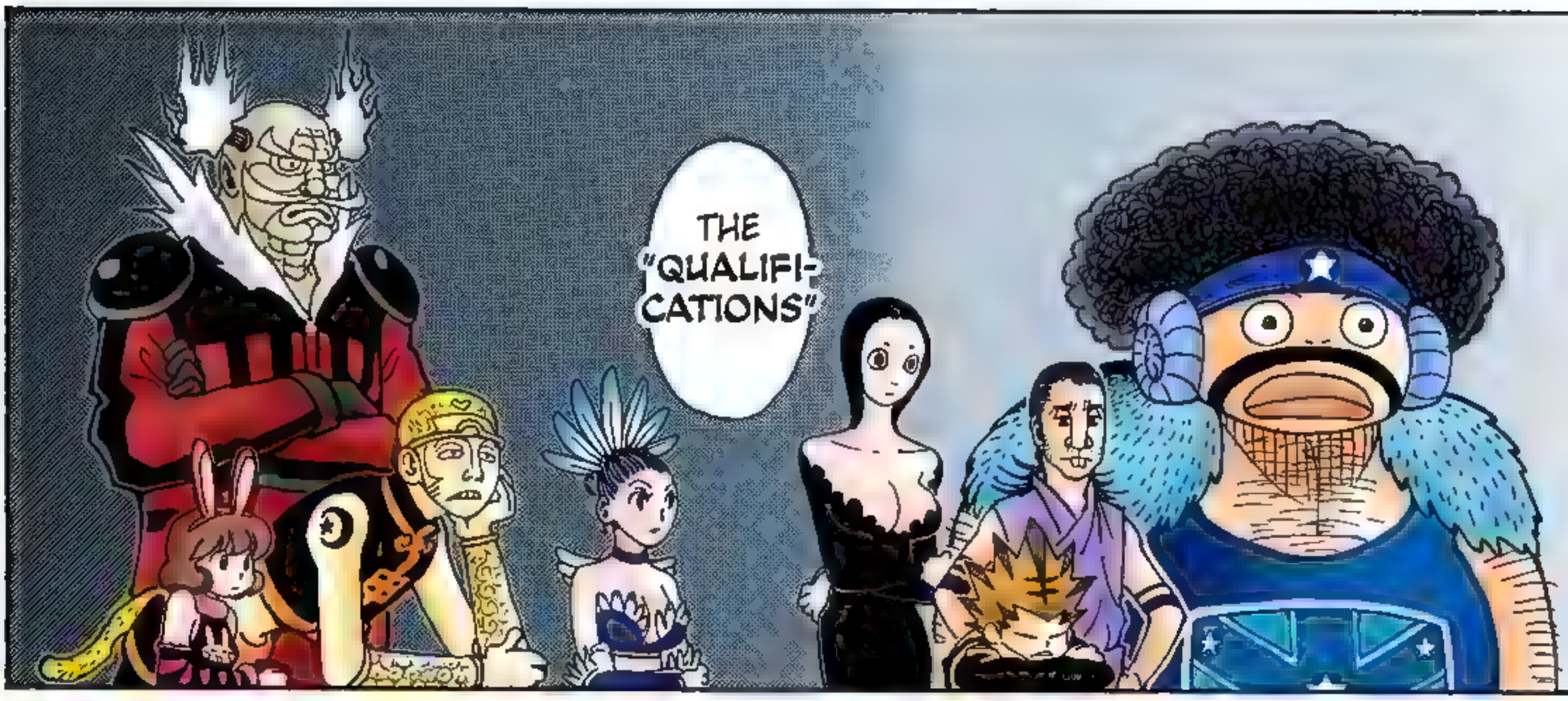

THEN WILL YOU PLEASE SIGN IT?


THESE ARE REASONABLE DEMANDS... NO OBJECTIONS FROM ME.



...YOU'VE GAINED MY "PERMISSION."
WITH THIS...

ARE 3 THINGS ...!!
ALL THAT'S LEFT...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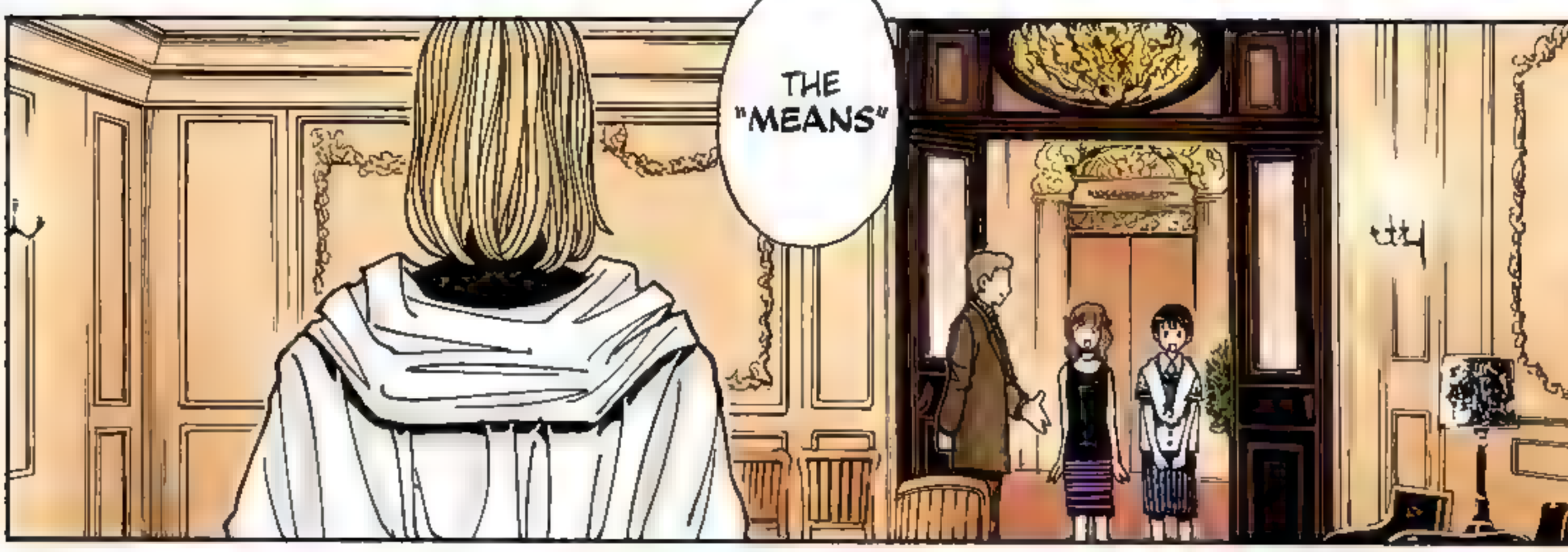
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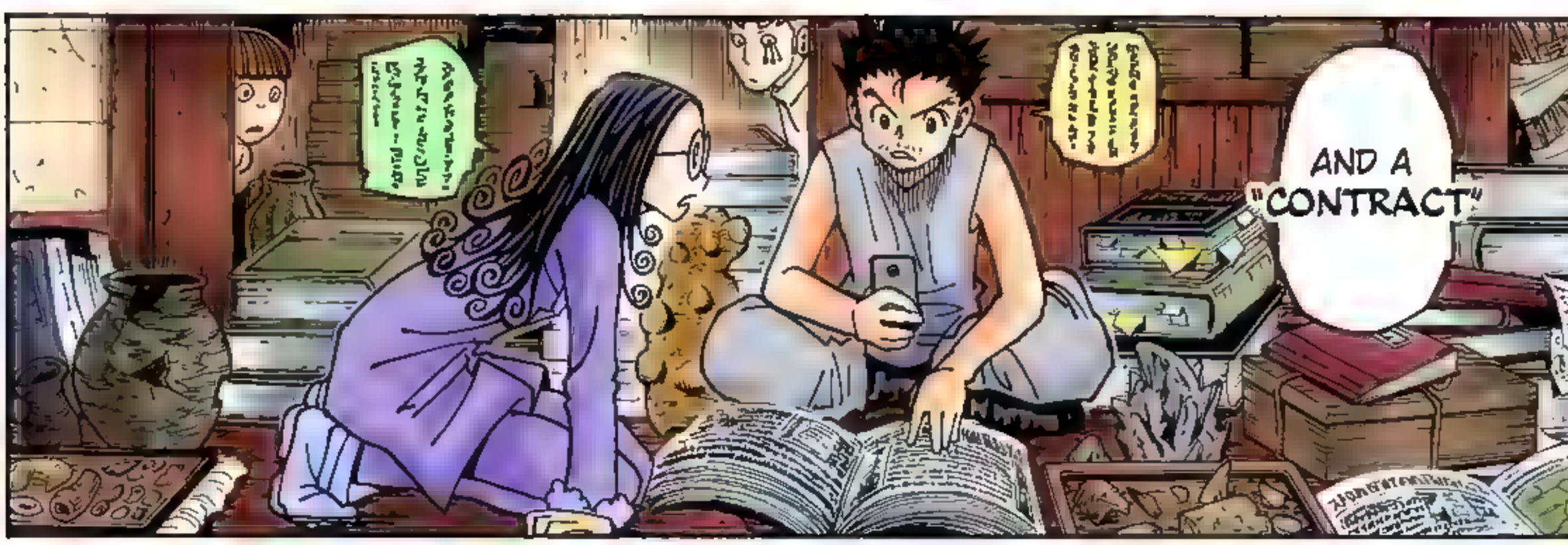
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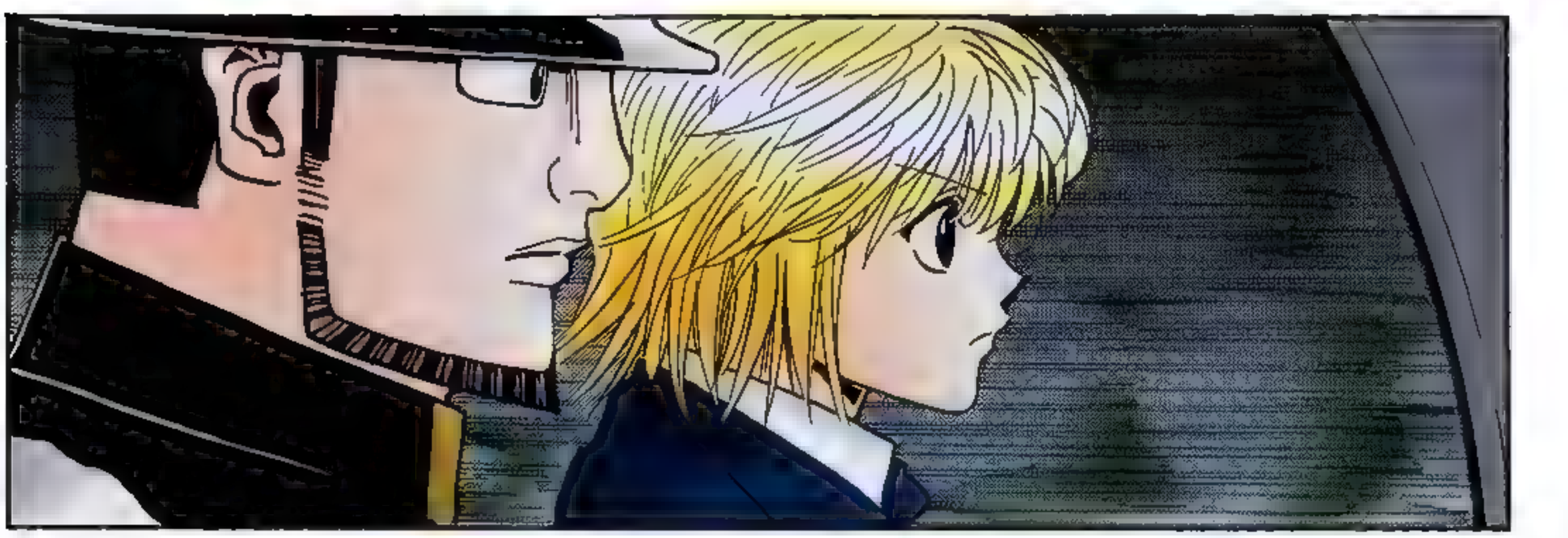
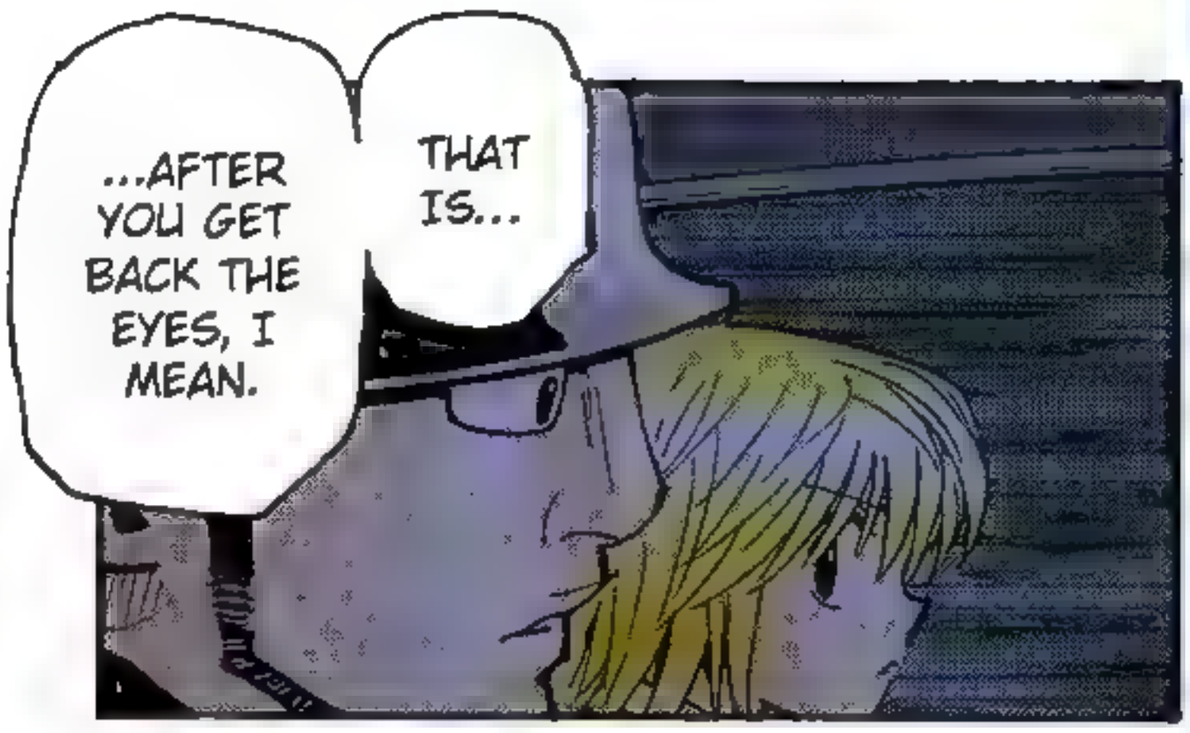
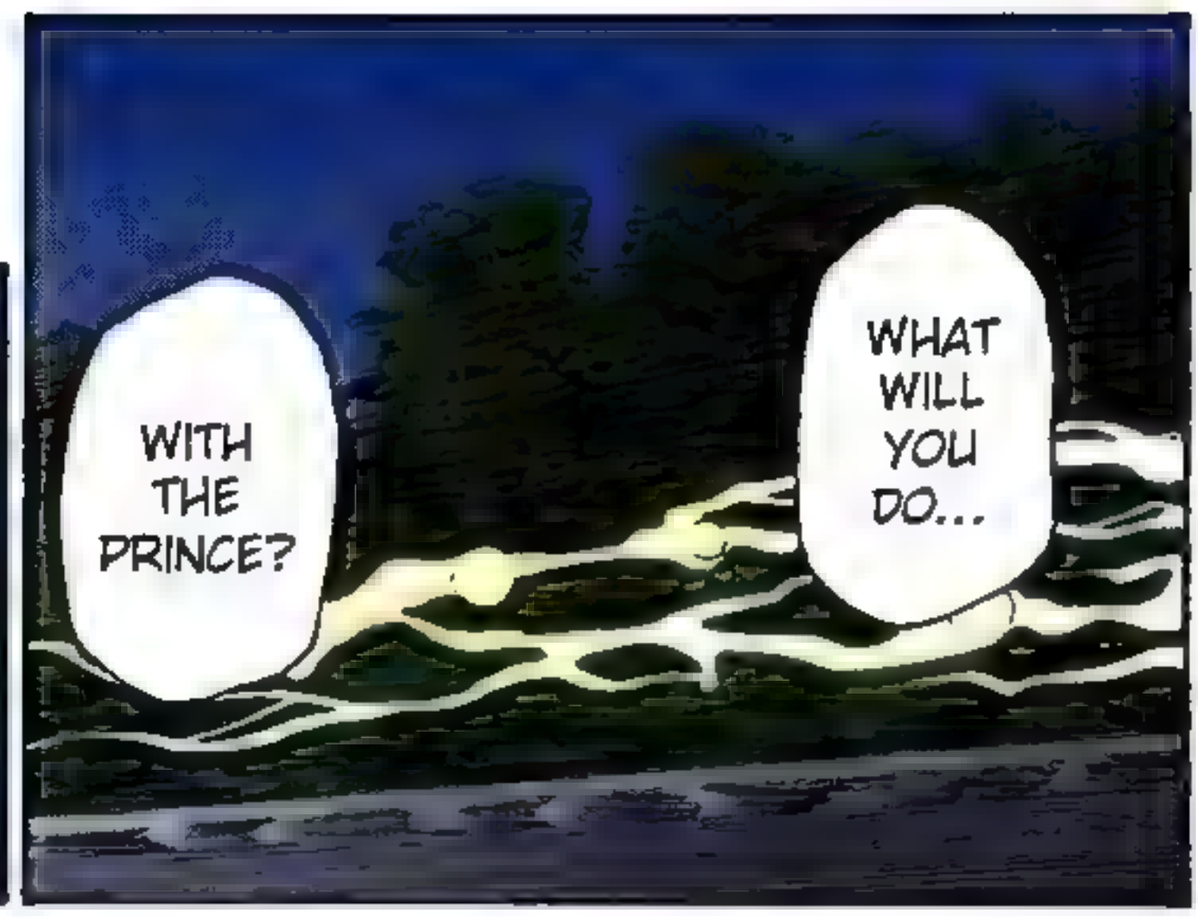
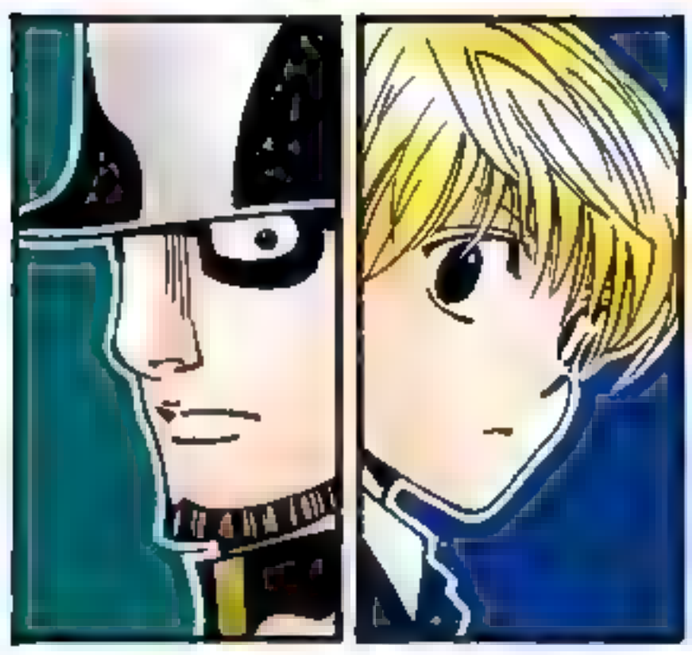
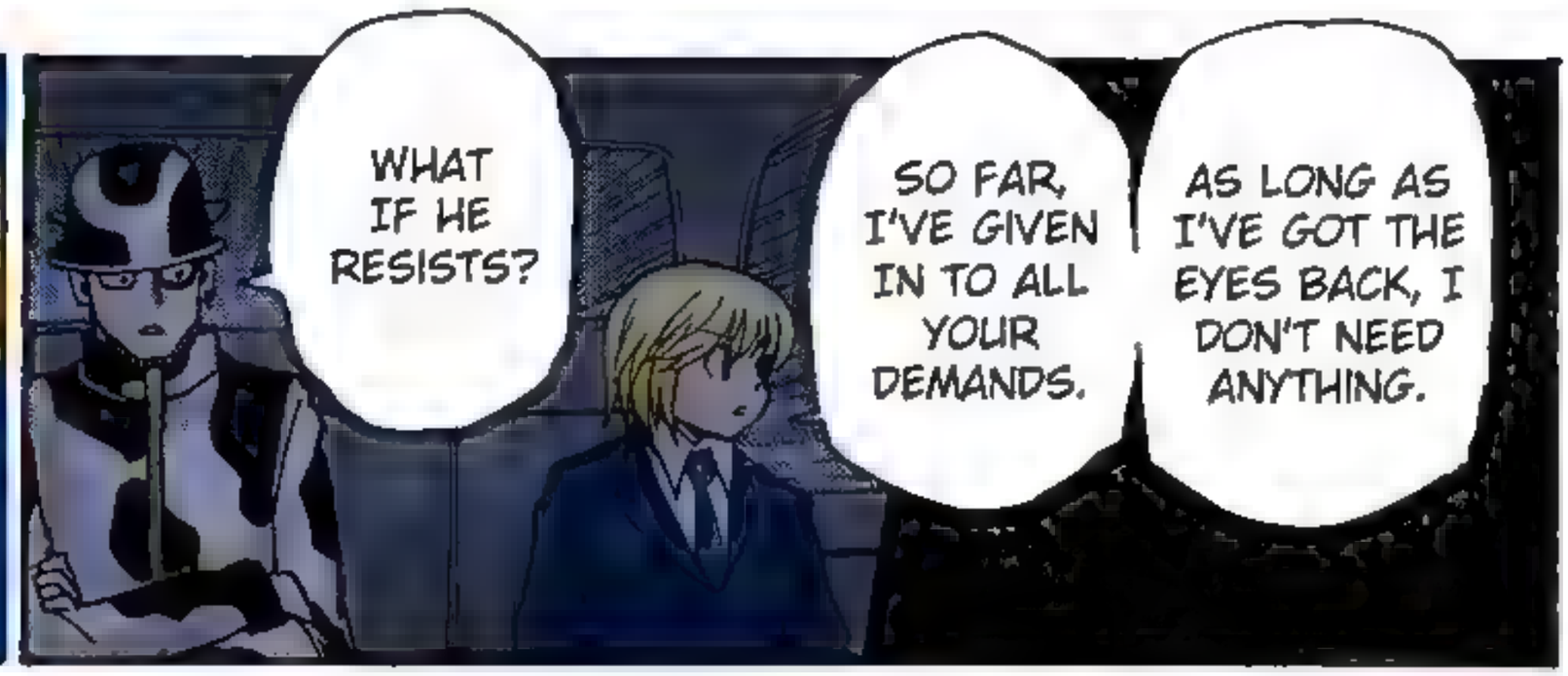
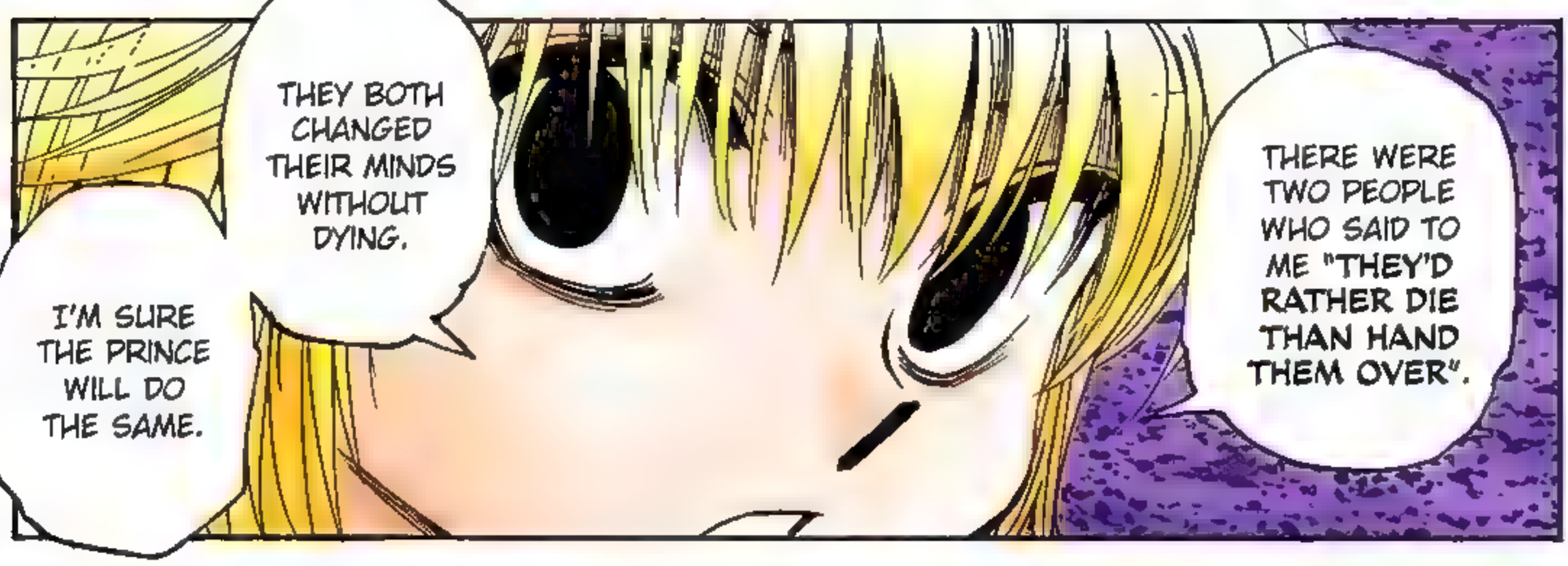



...AFTER YOU GET BACK THE EYES, I MEAN.
THAT IS...


WITH THE PRINCE?
WHAT WILL YOU DO...




WHAT IF HE RESISTS?
SO FAR, I'VE GIVEN IN TO ALL YOUR DEMANDS.
AS LONG AS I'VE GOT THE EYES BACK, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING.


THEY BOTH CHANGED THEIR MINDS WITHOUT DYING.
I'M SURE THE PRINCE WILL DO THE SAME.
THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE WHO SAID TO ME "THEY'D RATHER DIE THAN HAND THEM OVER".

I SURE HOPE SO.
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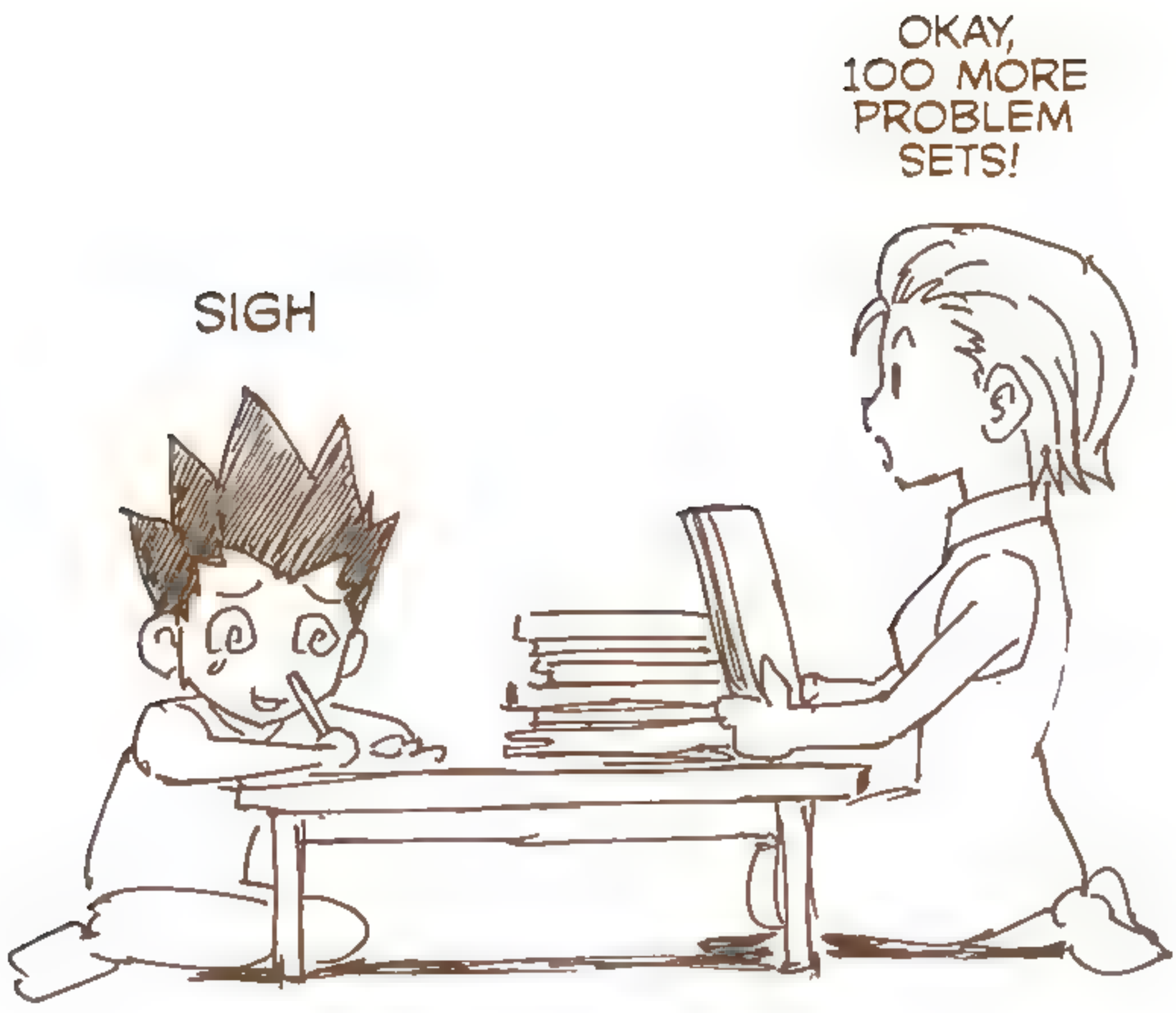
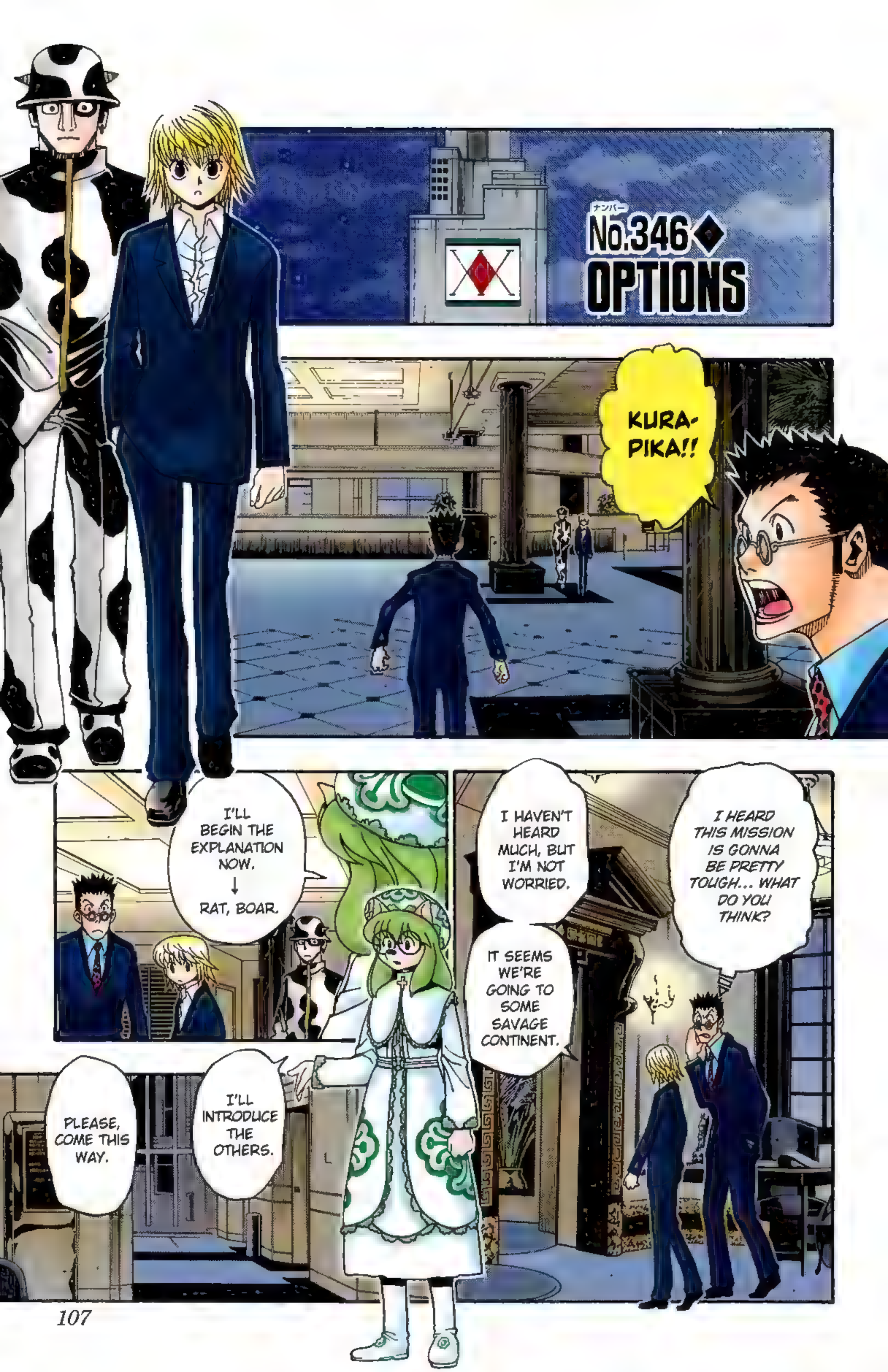

OKAY, 100 MORE PROBLEM SETS!
SIGH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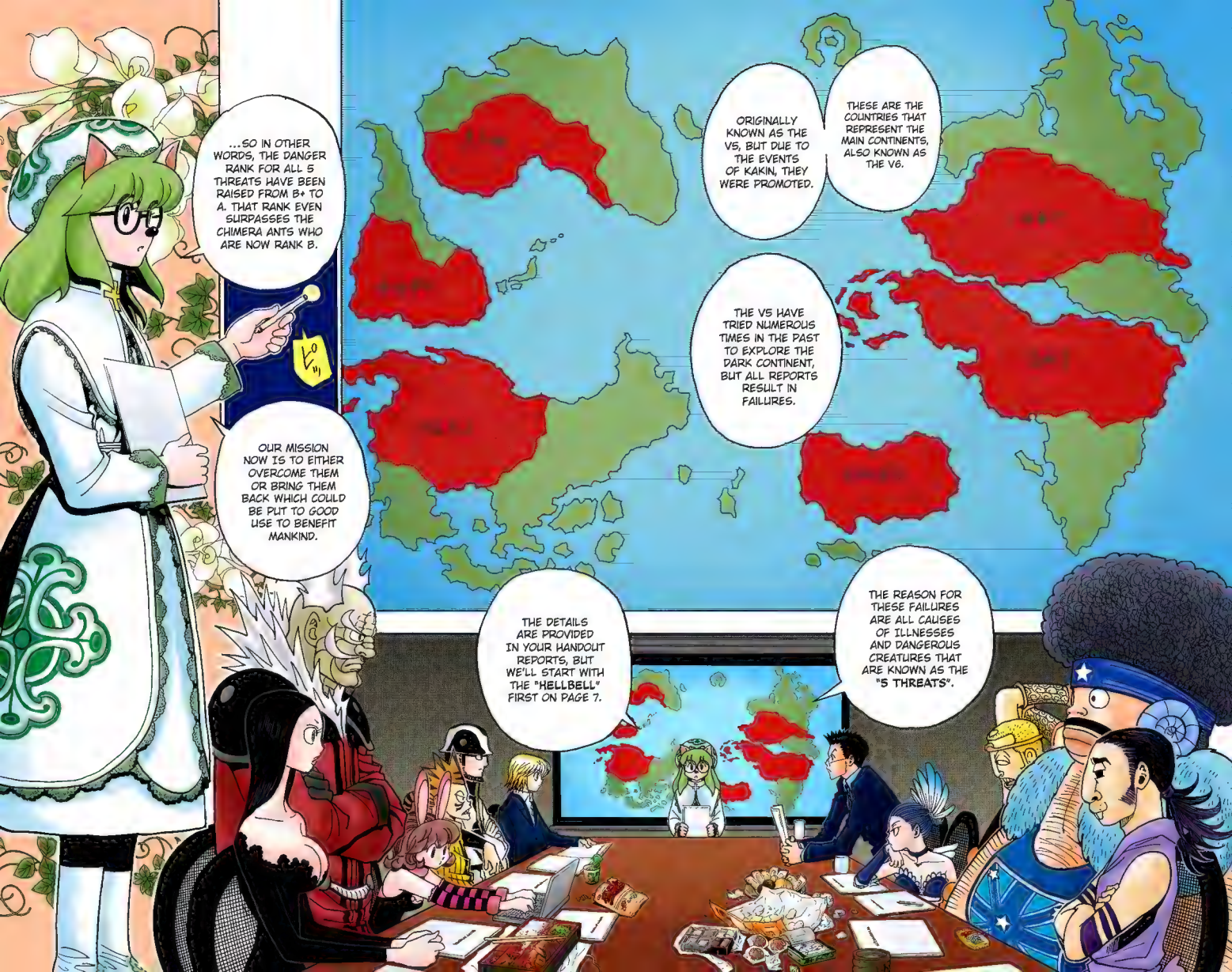
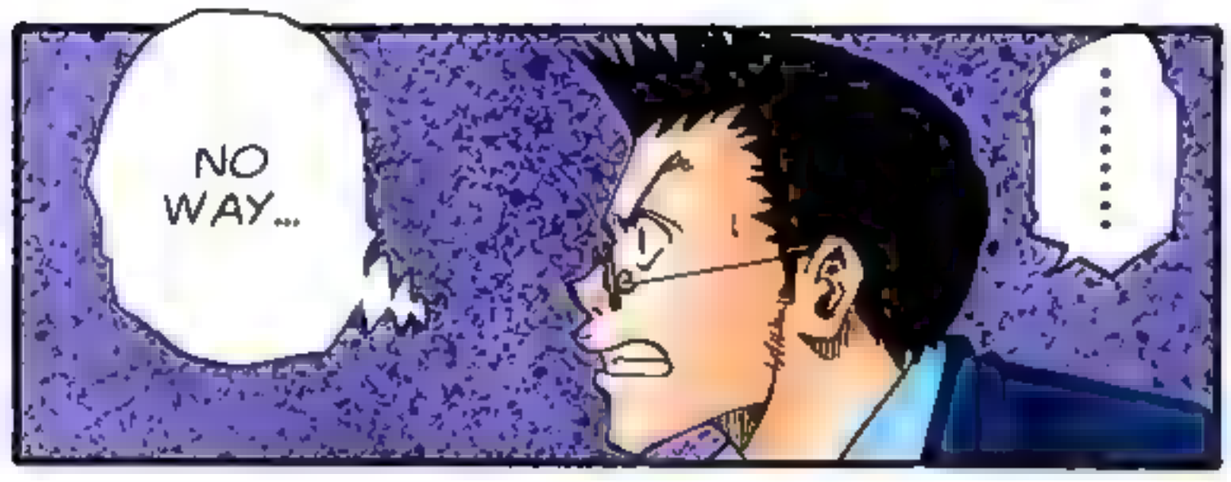
OPTIONS
KURA-PIKA!!
I'LL BEGIN THE EXPLANATION NOW. ↓ RAT, BOAR.
I HAVEN'T HEARD MUCH, BUT I'M NOT WORRIED.
I HEARD THIS MISSION IS GONNA BE PRETTY TOUGH... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT SEEMS WE'RE GOING TO SOME SAVAGE CONTINENT.
PLEASE, COME THIS WAY.
I'LL INTRODUCE THE OTHERS.


...SO IN OTHER WORDS, THE DANGER RANK FOR ALL 5 THREATS HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM B+ TO A. THAT RANK EVEN SURPASSES THE CHIMERA ANTS WHO ARE NOW RANK B.
OUR MISSION NOW IS TO EITHER OVERCOME THEM OR BRING THEM BACK WHICH COULD BE PUT TO GOOD USE TO BENEFIT MANKIND.
ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE V5, BUT DUE TO THE EVENTS OF KAKIN, THEY WERE PROMOTED.
THESE ARE THE COUNTRIES THAT REPRESENT THE MAIN CONTINENTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE V6.
THE V5 HAVE TRIED NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE PAST TO EXPLORE THE DARK CONTINENT, BUT ALL REPORTS RESULT IN FAILURES.
THE DETAILS ARE PROVIDED IN YOUR HANDOUT REPORTS, BUT WE'LL START WITH THE "HELLBELL" FIRST ON PAGE 7.
THE REASON FOR THESE FAILURES ARE ALL CAUSES OF ILLNESSES AND DANGEROUS CREATURES THAT ARE KNOWN AS THE "5 THREATS".


NO WAY...
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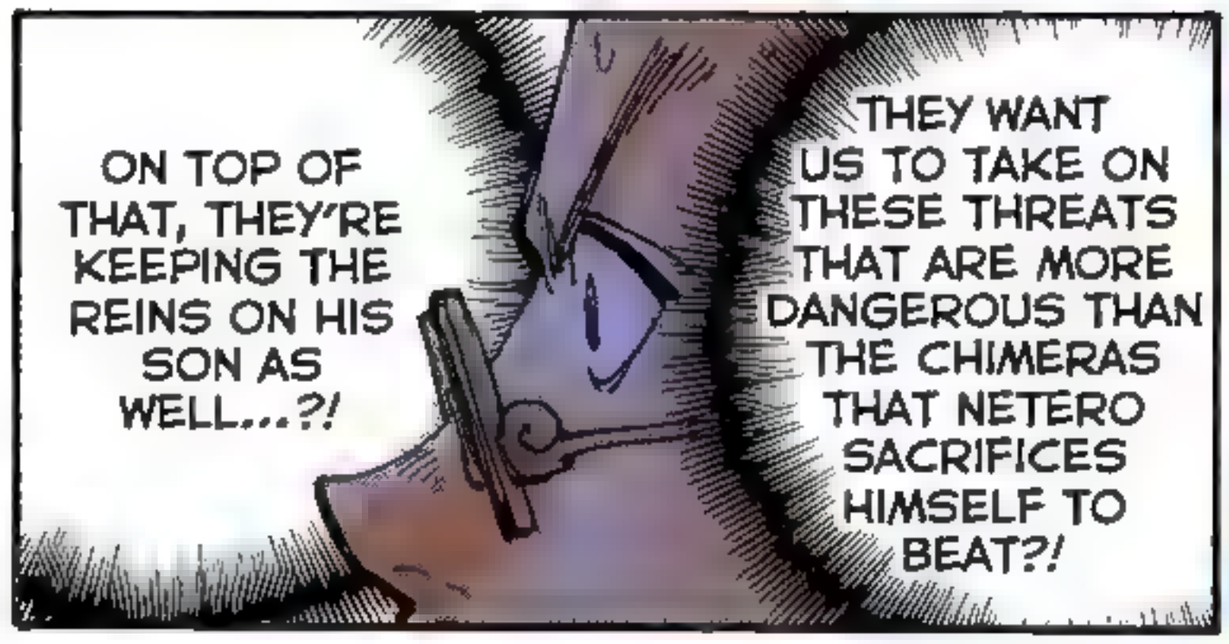
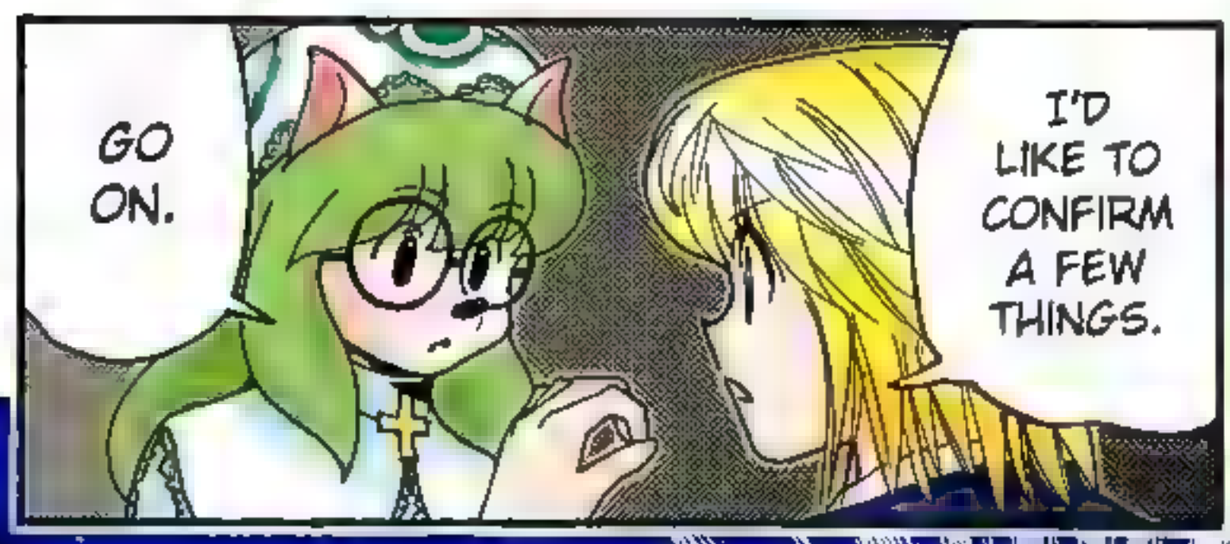
THERE ARE CERTAIN PROS AND CONS TO IF HE WILL COME WITH US TO THE DARK CONTINENT, BUT WE HAVEN'T MADE A DECISION YET.
WE'VE ALSO GOT TO DEAL WITH BEYOND ON OUR WAY THERE WHILE HE'S IN CONFINEMENT. WE WILL TAKE HIM TO THE MOCK-UP NEW CONTINENT.
NOW ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? ↓ EVERYONE.


ON TOP OF THAT, THEY'RE KEEPING THE REINS ON HIS SON AS WELL...?!
THEY WANT US TO TAKE ON THESE THREATS THAT ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE CHIMERAS THAT NETERO SACRIFICES HIMSELF TO BEAT?!


GO ON.
I'D LIKE TO CONFIRM A FEW THINGS.

I'VE GOT A FEW...

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY HOW MANY THERE ARE?
I'M CERTAIN THAT BEYOND HAS ALLIES WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION.

SO THERE'S JUST NO WAY HE WOULDN'T MAKE ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR HIS OWN VOYAGE WHILE WAITING, RIGHT?

WE COULD DEDUCE FROM THE FORMER CHAIRMAN NETERO'S WILL THAT BEYOND HAD BEEN EXPECTING HIS FATHERS'S DEATH.

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

WHAT DID YOU SAY...?

HOW WOULD YOU NOT KNOW?

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IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE HE'S CONFIDENT IN BEING ABLE TO CONTROL A HUGE PROJECT LIKE THIS EVEN AFTER THE CONFINEMENT THAT HE CHOSE TO DO SO.

IT'S CLEAR THAT HE PLANNED FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM THE START. OTHERWISE HE WOULDN'T HAVE SHOWN UP AT ALL.

YES.

SOME-THING MUST COME TO MIND.

THE SUCCESSOR FOR NETERO MUST HAVE LIKELY MADE A MOVE AFTER HIS DEATH.

...AND A LARGE NUMBER OF SUPPORT PERSONNEL ARE ESSENTIAL FOR HIM.

HE SURELY NEEDS A RELIABLE, CAPABLE RIGHT HAND MAN.

...AND THE TEMP HUNTERS ...!!

PARISTON...

CAN WE TALK IN PRIVATE?

KURA-PIKA.

BUT, SINCE YOU SAID YES TO MY THEORETICAL QUESTION, I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS NOW.

I SEE... FROM THE DETAILS OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, IT ALL MAKES SENSE.

CHEADLE AND I HAVE ALREADY BEGUN INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS.

I'M WITH YOU ABOUT THE INFORMANT TOPIC.

BECAUSE WE BOTH CAME WITH THE SAME CONCLUSION AS YOU.

WHY DIDN'T YOU SHARE THIS WITH THE ZODIACS?

"THERE'S A TRAITOR AMONGST THE ZODIACS."

IT'S TRUE THAT WE CAN'T IGNORE THIS POSSIBILITY.

RIGHT ?

YES.

IF THE PLANS STARTED BACK THEN, THAT MAKES NEARLY EVERYONE IN THE ASSOCIATION A POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

EVEN THE OLDEST AMONG THE ZODIACS, BOTOBAI WAS STILL A CHILD AT THAT TIME.

REGARDLESS, THIS ALL STARTED HALF A CENTURY AGO.

I THINK PARISTON'S ROLE WAS TO MISLEAD AND DIVERT OUR ATTENTION.

HE'S THE KIND OF GUY TO DO ANYTHING HE FINDS INTEREST IN.

HE WAS LIKE THAT ...

I SEE...

"THAT" CHAIRMAN CHOSE "THAT" PARISTON WE MENTIONED EARLIER, AS VICE PRESIDENT AS WELL, EVEN WHEN WE OPPOSED.

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT THE FORMER CHAIRMAN PICK OUT THE ZODIACS, RIGHT?

BUT IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE THAT THE OLD MAN KNEW HIS OWN SON WAS AFTER HIS LIFE.

IT IS TRUE, THE FORMER CHAIRMAN PLACED RESTRICTIONS ON BEYOND.

THAT IS WHY I'D LIKE THIS TO BE A SECRET BETWEEN US.

THERE COULD STILL BE A SPY IN THE ZODIACS THAT THE CHAIRMAN MISTAKENLY CHOSE.

UNDER-STOOD.

WELL ...

THAT WAS PART OF HIS CHARM.

THE FORMER CHAIRMAN WAS CRAZY, BUT WHEN FACED WITH AN UNFEASIBLE SITUATION...

THAT IS WHY WE BROUGHT YOU HERE, DESPITE HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

EVERYONE AROUND HIM WOULD JUST LAUGH IT OFF.

MIZAISTOM: CRIME HUNTER
PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY MANAGER
INTELLIGENCE TEAM.

WE'RE CONDUCTING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON THE CANDIDATES WITH SACCHO.

WE ALSO TOOK CARE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN KAKIN AND THE VS.

THANKS TO THE JOINT EFFORTS OF BOTOBAI, WE'RE NEGOTIATING TO OBTAIN THE LIST OF PASSENGERS WHO WILL BOARD THE BLACK WHALE 1.

YOU CAN COUNT ON THE PROMOTION OF THE HUNTERS AT THE END OF THE EXAMS.

WE'RE EXPECTING THE MOST TALENTED PEOPLE IN THEIR FIELD.

I WILL HANDLE THE MEDICAL DIVISION TO OFFER TOP OF THE LINE CARE, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ASSEMBLING A TEAM OF EXPERTS.

ALL IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE RISKS.

CHEADLE: DISEASE HUNTER
DOCTOR, LAWYER
SCIENCE TEAM

WE'LL COLLABORATE IN SECRET WITH THE INTELLIGENCE TEAM TO SET FOOT ON POST-LANDING DEFENSE STRATEGY PLUS A PLAN TO MAKE SURE BEYOND DOESN'T ESCAPE. WE'RE ALSO PREPARED WITH ANY HARDWARE WITH NEN ABILITIES.

AS LONG AS THERE'S A STEADY CONNECTION BETWEEN SAHERTA'S AND BEGEROSSE'S MILITARY AND KAKIN. THINGS WILL LIKELY WORK OUT.

BOTOBAI: TERRORIST HUNTER
PUBLIC PROSPECTOR, MILITARY ANALYST
DEFENSE TEAM

CLUCK: BOTANICAL HUNTER
MUSICIAN,DANCER
FLORA/FAUNA TEAM

ONCE WE LAND, WE WILL START COLLECTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCAL FLORA.

WE'RE PRIORITIZING RECONSTRUCTION ONCE WE HAVE THE DATA FROM THE LIST OF PASSENGERS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING SOFTWARE THAT CAN ANALYZE THE LEVEL OF RISK INVOLVED BY INTEGRATING THE DATA FROM ANCIENT TEXTS.

PYON: PALEOGRAPH HUNTER
LINGUIST, INTERPRETER
INTELLIGENCE TEAM

I'VE GOT NOTHING.

BUT LET ME JUST SAY THIS, I THINK I'M MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SUPERVISE BEYOND.

SAIYU: BOUNTY HUNTER
MARTIAL ARTIST
DEFENSE TEAM

SACCHO: PROBLEM HUNTER
DETECTIVE, HANDYMAN
INTELLIGENCE TEAM

BACKGROUND CHECKS ON THE SUPPORT MEMBERS OF THE FLORA AND SCIENCE TEAM ARE ALL CLEARED.

THEY'RE FULLY PREPARED TO GO ON THIS "ONE-WAY TRIP" KNOWING OF THE DANGERS. WITH LITTLE ASPIRATIONS THEY HAVE NO IDEOLOGICAL TIES TO KAKIN.

GINTA: POACHER HUNTER
RANGER
FLORA/FAUNA TEAM

SINCE MOREL ALREADY AGREED, WE COULD LEAVE THE NAVIGATION TO THE (TEMPORARY) NEW CONTINENT GATES TO HIS TEAM.

KNOV SAID THAT HE'LL ONLY GO AS FAR AS TO THE PRETEND NEW CONTINENT. WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH POTENTIAL OF THE SAME LEVEL WITH SIMILAR ABILITIES.

BUT WE'RE WORKING ON A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL MANUAL WITH SANBICA.

MY JOB WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE AFTER WE LAND, SO I'M RELATIVELY FREE.

GIL: POISON HUNTER
CORONER, PHARMACIST
SCIENCE TEAM

ALL I GOTTA DO IS TAKE CARE OF WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY ON THE CONTINENT.

I'M GONNA LEAVE THE HARD STUFF TO YOU GUYS UNTIL WE ARRIVE.

KANZAI: TREASURE HUNTER
BODYGUARD
DEFENSE TEAM

THIS MIGHT BE A HARSH MISSION BUT IT'S ALSO CRUCIAL TO MY OWN GOALS.

I'M PLANNING ON SUPPORTING CHEADLE'S MEDICAL TEAM.

I MAY BE INEXPERIENCED, I WILL DO MY BEST!!

I'M PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE RECRUITING FROM THE ASSOCIATION HAS GONE A LOT SMOOTHER WITH MY PARTICIPATION.

LEORIO: ROOKIE
MEDICAL STUDENT
SCIENCE TEAM

THE NATURE OF MY WORK REQUIRES THAT I HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH OUTLAWS.

FORGIVE ME FOR THE QUESTION EARLIER. IT WAS RUDE OF ME FOR ASSUMING WITHOUT KNOWING HOW COMPLICATED THE ASSOCIATION WAS.

IN REGARDS TO KAKIN AND BEYOND, I CAN SUPPLY INTEL REGARDING THEM THAT CAN'T BE OBTAINED THROUGH GOVERNMENT SOURCES.

KURAPIKA: BOUNTY HUNTER
NOSTRADE FAMILY BOSS
INTELLIGENCE TEAM

THIS YEAR AROUND, WE'VE CHANGED THE DATES AND FORMATS OF THE EXAMS IN ORDER FOR US TO RECRUIT THE NECESSARY PEOPLE FOR THIS VOYAGE!

THE HUNTER EXAM IS GOING TO BEGIN SOON!

COOPERATION FROM EVERYONE HERE IS NEEDED FOR US TO MAKE THE BEST CHOICES.
LET'S ALL WORK AS A TEAM AND MAKE THIS MISSION A SUCCESS!! ↓ EVERYONE.

ONE MONTH LATER

THEN JUST MOVE IT AROUND.

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NOW MAKE A SMALL BUBBLE OF YOUR AURA.

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OH.

SERI-OUSLY?! FOR REAL?!!

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NOW BOTH HANDS.

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WHAAAAT?!

NOW INCREASE THE BUBBLES, AND TRY MOVING THEM AROUND.

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FOR REAL ?! ...!!

AS WELL AS THE SHAPES AND SIZE.

YOU COULD ALSO CHANGE THE DIRECTIONS.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH. MY HEART CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.

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CHANGE THE BUBBLE'S SPEED AND DIRECTION.

IT TOOK ME FOREVER JUST TO MOVE ONE...

GAH ...

AND HERE I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA SHOW HIM I GOT THE STUFF, BUT NOW...

DAMN IT...

HE LOOKS HALF-DEAD NOW THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS BETTER AT PIP-PLAY THAN HIM.

IT'S COOL BECAUSE IT'S USELESS.

BAS-TARD.

IT'S JUST LIKE FLIPPING YOUR PEN, YOU KNOW.

WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY AFFECT YOUR ABILITIES IN ANY WAY.

※ IT'S A SKILL CHALLENGE USING AURA.

NDABE SHITA. (NDABE EMPHASIS)

NDA NDA!! (NDA EMPHASIS)

NDADO. (SO I HEAR).

NDANYA!! (RIGHT)

NDA!! (THAT'S RIGHT)

NOW, LET'S START WITH "N" FROM ANCIENT KAPPE.

NDABE. (RIGHT?)

LET'S HAVE ANOTHER CONTEST ON ANCIENT LANGUAGE!!

GING!

OK.

KEEP PRAC-TICING !!

DO YOU HAVE ANY TIPS ?

I STILL HAVE A MILLION MORE THINGS I COULD SAY, DON'T I?

HUH? YOU'RE GIVING UP?

NDABEJU. (NDABE MAX)

WELL, I JUST STUDIED THINGS I LIKED WITHOUT GOING TO SCHOOL.

SURE.

LET'S PLAY MARIO!

GING, YOU'RE AMAZING. CURLY IS A PROFESSOR AT VARVARD UNIVERSITY.

ALRIGHT, I WON.

I'LL TAKE YOUR MONEY!!

OK FINE!! I ADMIT DEFEAT!! YOU WIN!!

HNNNHGH, THANK YOU SO MUCH...

GING.

PLEASE, JUST GIVE ME THE MONEY!! I'LL DONATE IT TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION !!

NO, NO, NO, NO.

WHY DON'T WE HAVE A NANKUL CONTEXT NEXT?

OH NO, DON'T FORCE YOURSELF.

ALL OF BEYOND'S ASSASSINS FAILED.

THE HUNTER EXAM HAS JUST CONCLUDED.

I COMMEND THEM FOR BEING CAUTIOUS AND SETTING UP HIGH MEASURES FOR THOSE THAT CLEARED THE ADVANCED BACKGROUND CHECKS.

INDEED. THEIR DEFENSE WAS HARDER TO BREACH THAN EXPECTED. I WAS SHOCKED.

SO ALL THOSE MEDIATORS GUYS FAILED AT THE APTITUDE TEST, HUH?

I SEE.

...IS QUITE COMPETENT.

IT SEEMS THE PERSON THEY REPLACED ME WITH IN THE ZODIACS...

I KNOW HIM.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MUHERR?

YEAH.

I HEARD THAT GUY CAN READ MINDS.

I DIDN'T HAVE TO LOOK AT THE RESULTS TO KNOW.

YOU'RE BACK EARLY.

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF HE FOUND OUT ABOUT BEYOND'S SECRET ESCAPE PLAN AFTER THE VOYAGE.

EVEN THOSE THAT PASSED THE LIE DETECTOR TEST WITH NO ISSUES INCLUDING ME, GOT REJECTED BECAUSE OF THAT GUY.

ONCE WE ARRIVE ON THE CONTINENT, BEYOND WILL ESCAPE WITH HIS OWN STRENGTHS AND MEET UP WITH US! THAT'S ALL.

HAHAHA, DON'T WORRY. WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A PLAN IN THE FIRST PLACE.

OH, BY THE WAY, GING.

FOO-EY!

AH...

GET LOST, PEKO-TERO.

WE WON'T HAVE TO AMBUSH THEM AND GET INTO TROUBLESOME FIGHTS SO EARLY.

AT LEAST IT'LL BE THAT WAY...

...I'D SAY I LEAN CLOSER TO BEYOND'S SIDE.

THERE'S A MISUNDER-STANDING...

IF WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT WHEN IT COMES TO THIS JOURNEY...

AREN'T YOU ON THE ASSOCIA-TION'S SIDE?

GO ON AND GET LOST.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND BEYOND IS THAT HE BELIEVES "THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES UNTIL WE BRING BACK THE "*FRUITS*" OF THE VOYAGE".

THAT'S WHY I CHOSE TO FOLLOW THE MOST MINIMAL PROCEDURE. WORSE COMES TO WORSE, IT'S FINE IF I DON'T COME BACK.

I UNDERSTAND WHY THE VS IS CAUTIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO OUTRAGEOUS RISKS.

NO, I DON'T.

HE'S USING HIS PERVERTED FORM OF LOVE AS AN EXCUSE FOR CHAOS.

HOWEVER, I CAN'T OVERLOOK PARISTON.

THEREFORE, IF BEYOND SAYS IT'S FOR FREEDOM, I'D BE GLAD TO HELP.

ARE YOU ABLE TO ACCEPT THAT?

MY GOALS ARE TO HELP BEYOND AND STOP PARISTON.

SINCE WHEN WAS HE A BUDDY OF YOURS?

HUH? I DON'T GET IT, WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE?

WEREN'T YOU ALL AGAINST HIM JUST A WHILE AGO?

CALM DOWN Y'ALL.

SURELY, GING ISN'T ON THE ASSOCIATION'S SIDE.

YOU'LL SEE THAT HE'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED.

BUT GIVE HIM A FEW DAYS, AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

OUR FIRST TIME MEETING WAS HORRIBLE AND I STILL HATE HIS GUTS.

YEAH.

I CAN'T WAIT.

NOBODY GIVES A DAMN WHO NO.2 IS. IT'S IRRELEVANT TO THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

OUR FORMER BOSS WAS BEYOND.

DECIDE NOW ON WHO'S GOING TO LEAVE...!!

① PARISTON.

② GING.

HONESTLY, I WISH YOU'D STOP DISTURBING US.

IT'S NOT EVERYDAY THAT I GET ALONG WITH GING.

THERE'S 4 CHOICES.

NO.

WHAT ?

THERE'S ACTUALLY 3 CHOICES.

HUH?

④ YOU GUYS WILL DIE!!

RIGHT?

③ YOU GUYS WILL LEAVE!!

RANKING OF DANGEROUS CREATURES

HIGH → LOWEST

	A	B	C	D	E
AGRESSION TOWARDS HUMAN	1) ATTACKS WITHOUT PROVOCATION. 2) ECOLOGY OR BEHAVIOR ENDANGERS MANY LIVES.	IMMEDIATE ERADICATION IS NECESSARY BUT METHOD IS UNCERTAIN; GLOBAL COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL.	1) Individual differences. 2) Individuals can rank A under certain conditions (smell of blood, under threat, breading season, defending young).	PASSIVE: SUDDEN ENCOUNTERS MAY PROVOKE A DEFENSIVE OR EVASIVE ATTACK (EMISSION OF GAS, LIQUID, NEEDLES, BODY SLAM)	NONE.
NUMBER	ONE NEST, HOST OR HERD NUMBERS IN 10,000 OR MORE.	100s-1,000s.	<100.	<10.	INDIVIDUALS
FECUNDITY	EXPLOSIVE GROWTH ONCE BREEDING BEGINS.	1) BREEDS SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR, WITH >10 YOUNG. 2) CONDITIONS CAN PUT THE SPECIES CLOSER TO A.	COMPARABLE TO THAT OF HUMANS.	LONG INTERVALS BETWEEN MATINGS, WITH FEW YOUNG.	DOES NOT REPRODUCE, OR AT LOW ENOUGH FREQUENCY TO BE NEGLIGIBLE.
THREAT OF BODILY HARM	1) HIGH PROBABILITY OF DEATH. 2) INJURIES AFFECT DAILY LIFE, COMPLETE RECOVERY DIFFICULT, LIFELONG AFTEREFFECTS.	1) HOW TO AVOID THEM IS KNOWN, BUT FAILURE LEADS TO SERIOUS INJURIES OR DEATH. 2) COMPLETE RECOVERY DIFFICULT, LIFELONG AFTEREFFECTS.	1) LONG-TERM REST AND TREATMENT IS NECESSARY. DEATH IS ALSO POSSIBLE. 2) INDIRECTLY AFFECTS MANY LIVES (DAMAGE TO CROPS, LIVESTOCK).	1) DOES NOT AFFECT DAILY LIFE, BUT MILD AFTEREFFECTS OR SCARS REMAIN. 2) RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE WITH A FEW WEEKS OF TREATMENT.	1) RECOVERY IN DAYS WITH DRUGS OR TREATMENT. 2) LIMITED INDIRECT ADVERSE EFFECTS (LIMITED CONTAMINATION, TEMPORARY EVACUATION)
TOTAL	IMMEDIATE ERADICATION IS NECESSARY BUT METHOD IS UNCERTAIN; GLOBAL COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL.	IMMEDIATE ERADICATION IS NECESSARY AT HIGH COST AND HIGH RISK; INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE IS NECESSARY.	IMMEDIATE MEASURES ARE NECESSARY, BUT LOCAL RESPONSE SUFFICES.	RESPONSE TO INDIVIDUAL CASES NECESSARY BUT NOT URGENT OR DANGEROUS.	A WARNING TO CIVILIANS IS NECESSARY, BUT SITUATION IS NOT SERIOUS.

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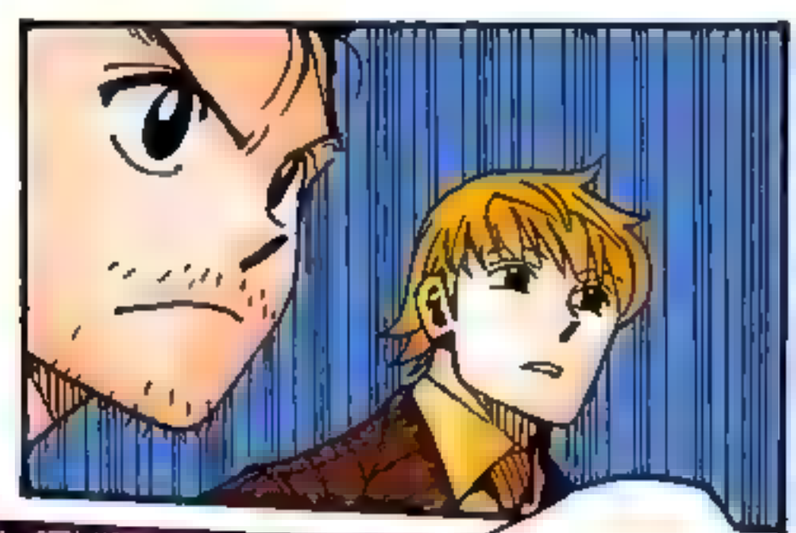

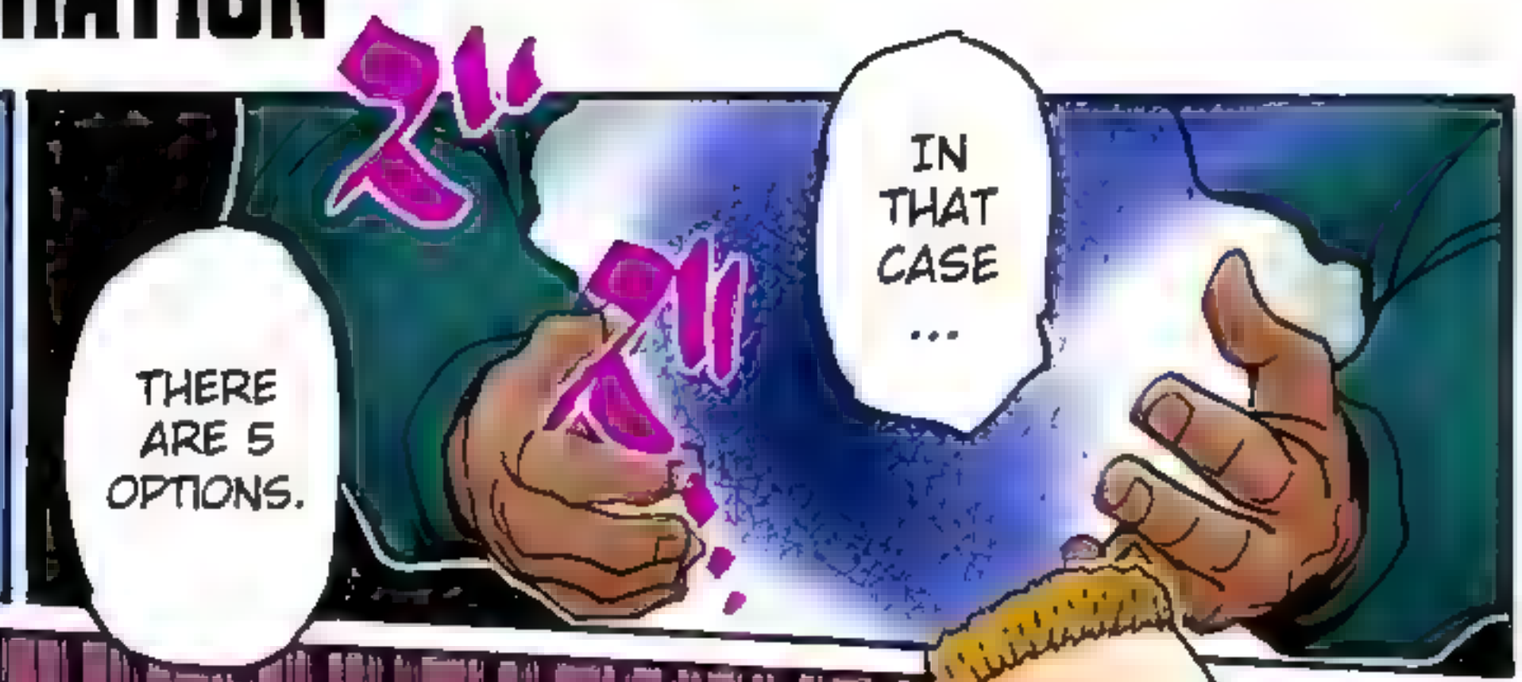

⑤ BOTH OF YOU DIE...!!
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STOP IT!! ARE YOU GUYS REALLY GONNA KILL THEM?!

...!! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!!

GOOD. CORNER THEM, BUT BE CAREFUL.

THEY'RE HEADING TO THE BASEMENT.

SEAL OFF ALL EXITS.

STAY OUT OF THIS.

A BASTARD IN A SUIT THAT'S ALL TALK AND A ROOKIE. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU COWARDS!!

YOU'RE ALWAYS OVERHYPED AND I'VE HATED IT EVER SINCE!! THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!!

ALSO, SHUT UP.

IT'S JUST AN IMAGE OF THE LITTLE STUFF I'VE DONE IN MY LIFE.

IT'S NOT AS IF YOU'RE CRAZY AS EVERYONE MAKES YOU OUT TO BE.

MAN, HE HAS A BAD TEMPER. A SUDDEN AMBUSH, REALLY?

BUT GENTLY.

SURE.

THAT'S HARSH, I WAS JUST GOING ALONG WITH YOU, GING.

BUT YOU WERE THE ONE THAT PROVOKED HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE!

SHALL WE FIGHT THEN?

WELL... IN ANY CASE, THOSE GUYS WON'T HOLD BACK.

THOSE GUYS SEEM LIKE EMITTERS TO JUST CONJURE GUNS.

THIS'LL BE EASY.

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IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO SEE IT?

SURE.

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IT'S NO PROBLEM.

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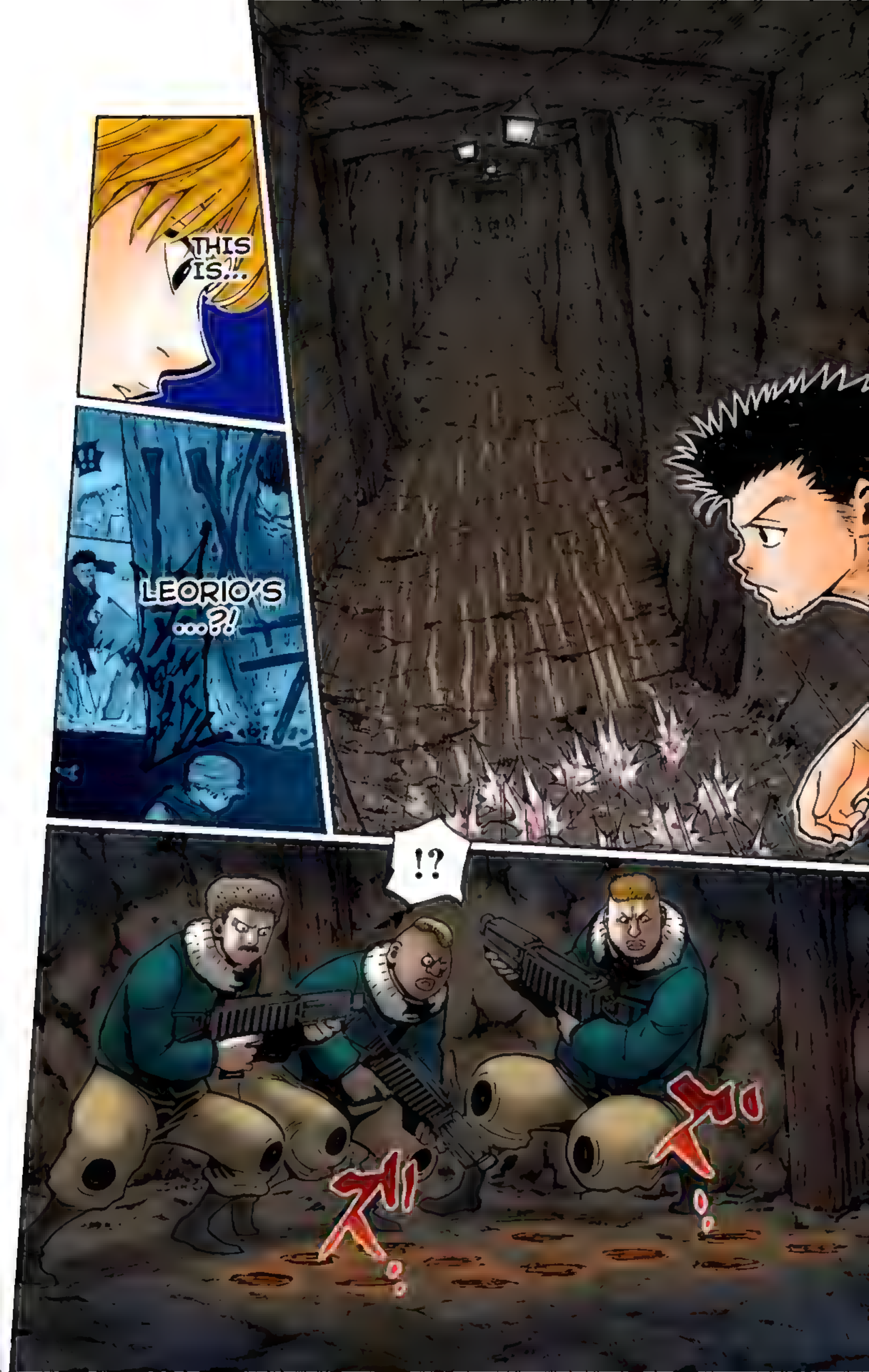
THIS IS...
LEORIO'S ...?!
!?

IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL.
THIS ABILITY LETS YOU COPY SOMEONE'S ABILITY...?
IT'S JUST A NATURAL TALENT, I GUESS.
IF IT'S A STRIKE-TYPE ATTACK, JUST TAKING IT ONCE IS ENOUGH FOR ME TO MIMIC IT.
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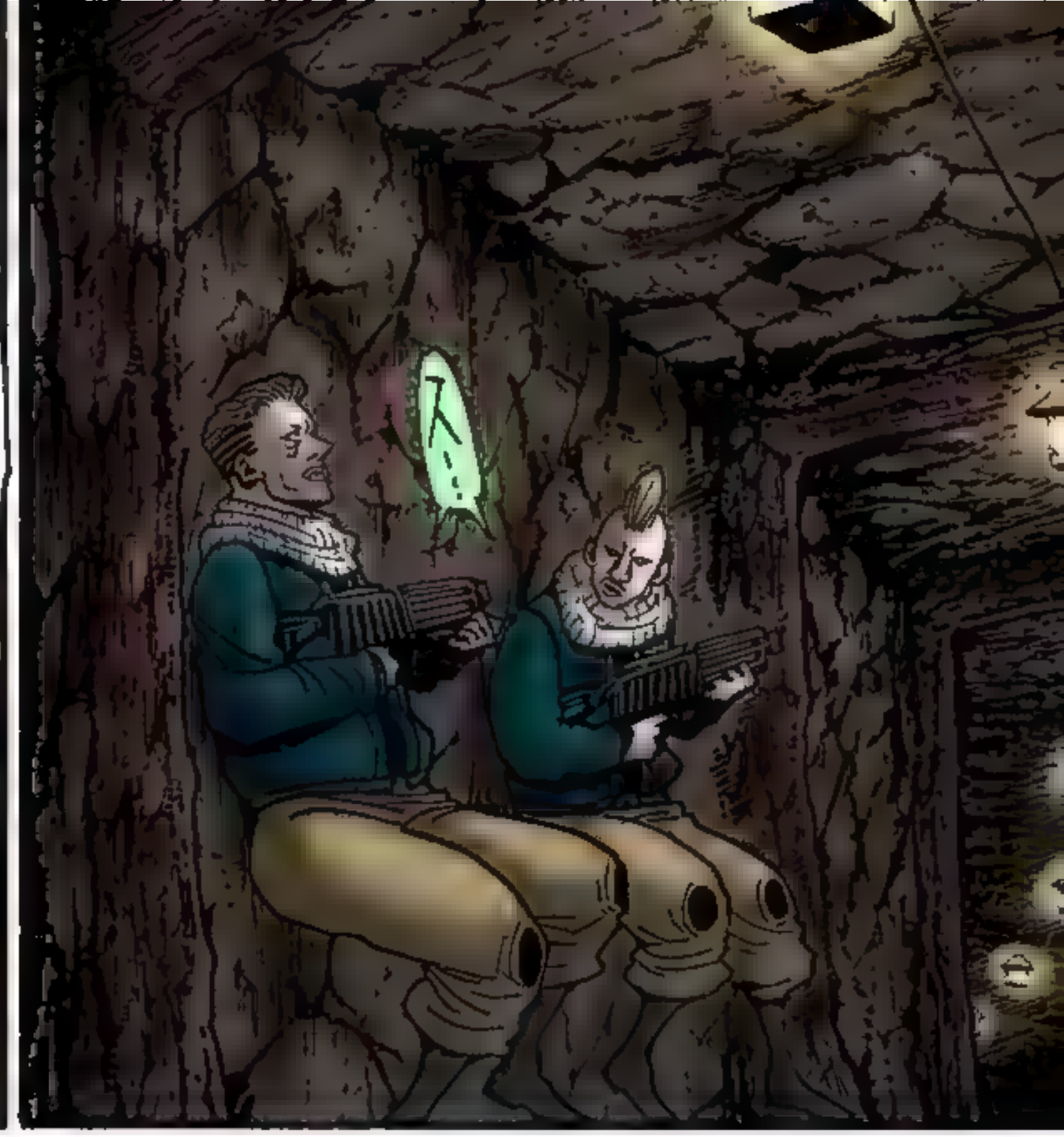
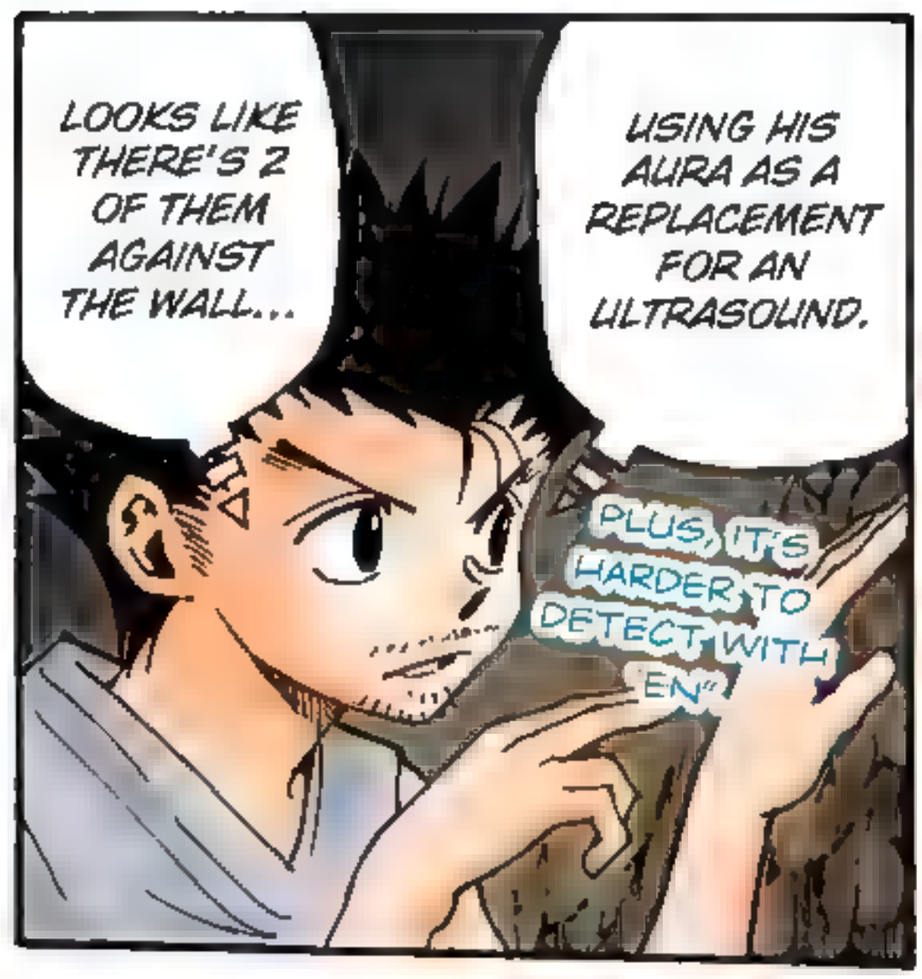
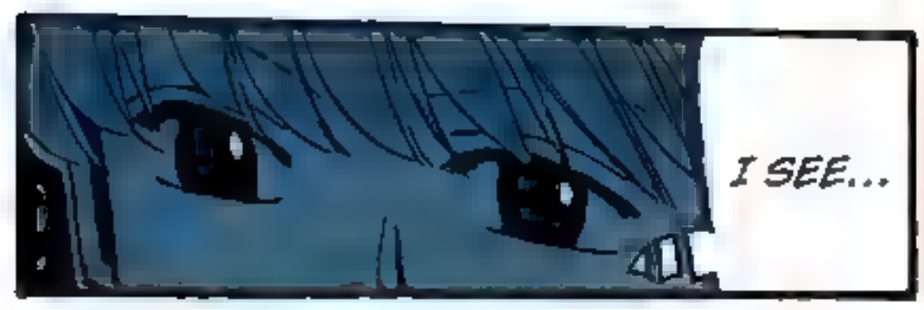
YOU THINK THOSE 3 GOT KILLED ...?!
IT'S TOO QUIET.



DO WE GO ...?
NO... THERE SHOULD BE A SIGNAL.


LOOKS LIKE THERE'S 2 OF THEM AGAINST THE WALL...
USING HIS AURA AS A REPLACEMENT FOR AN ULTRASOUND.
PLUS, IT'S HARDER TO DETECT WITH "EN"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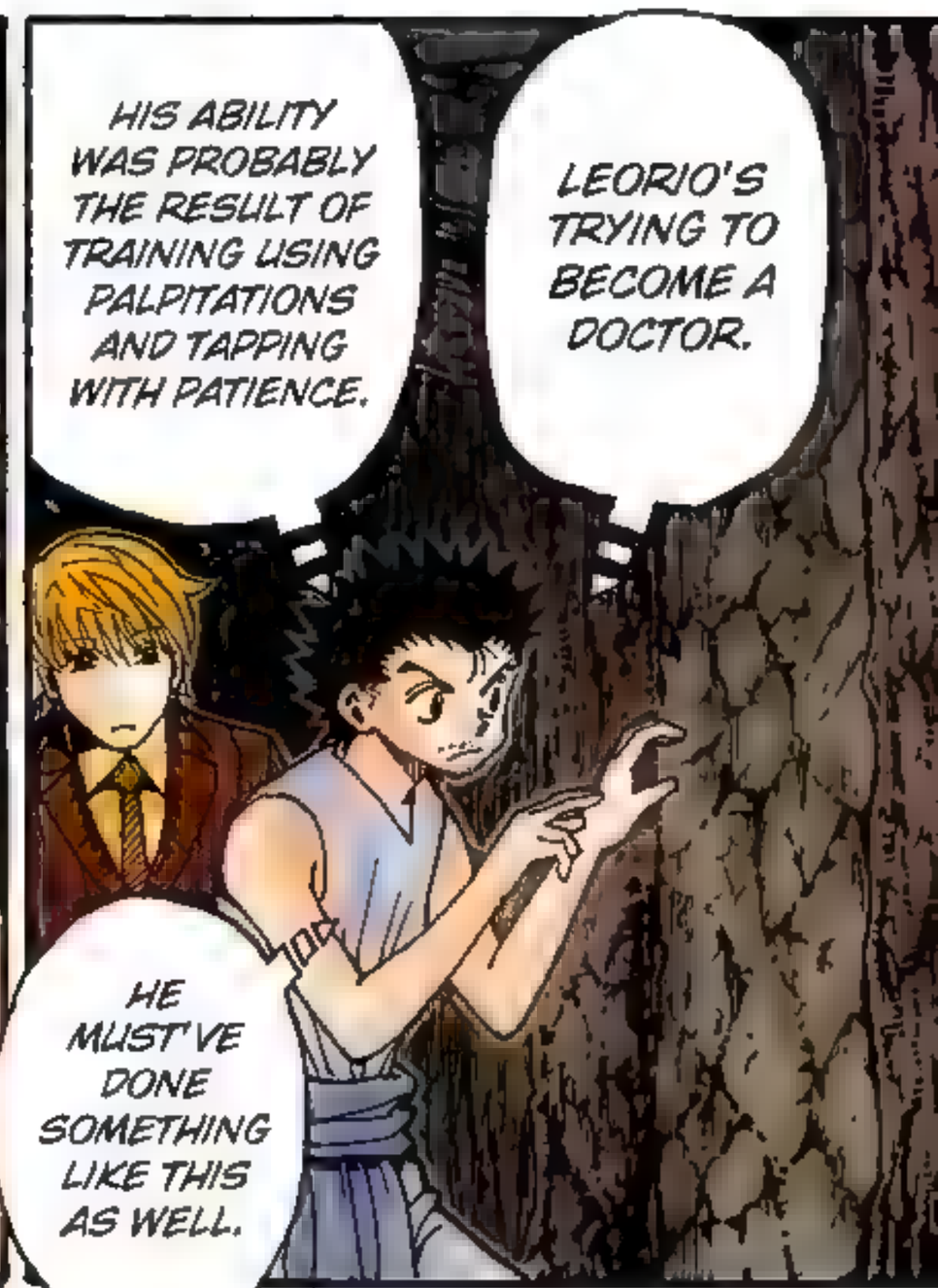
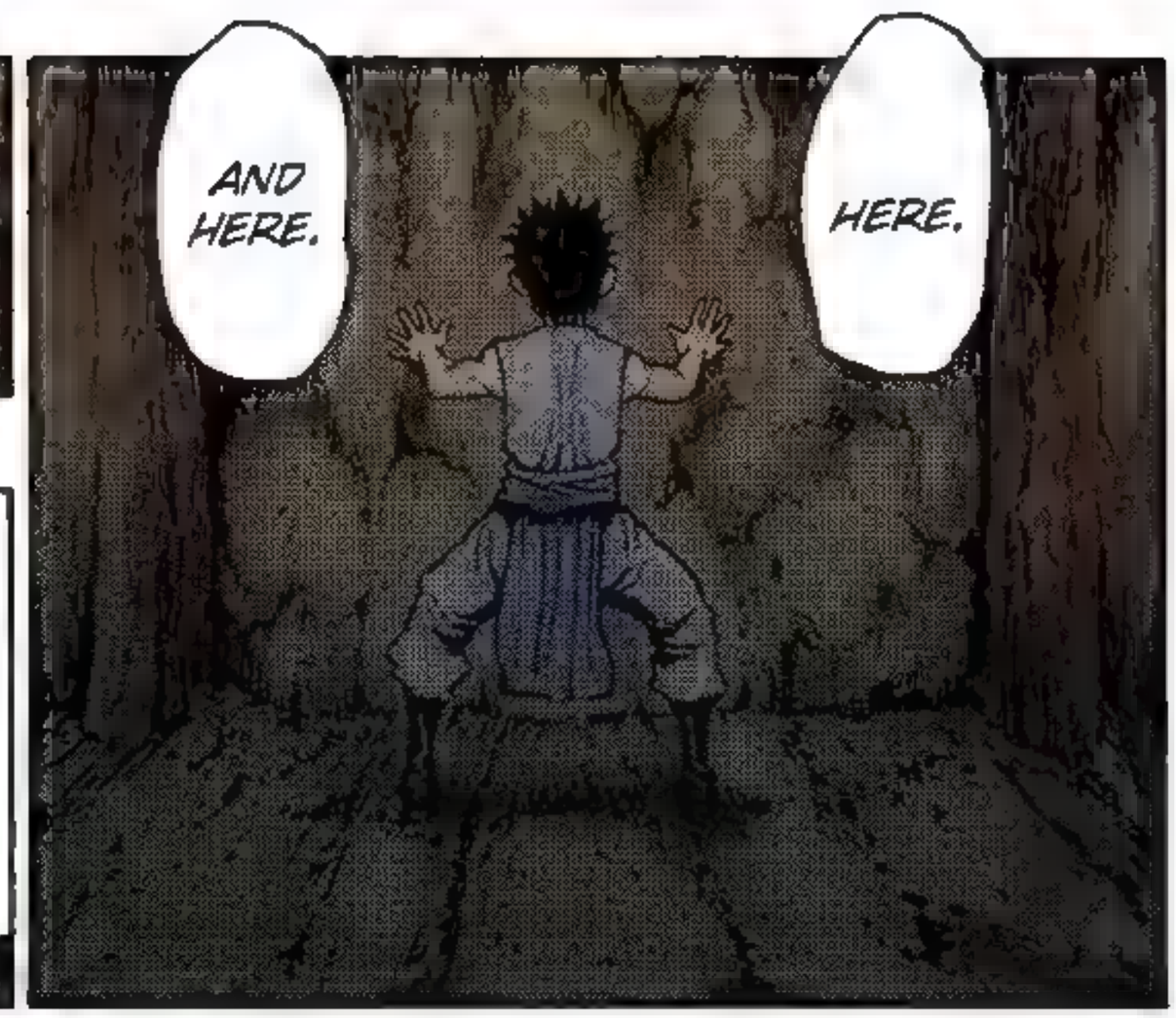
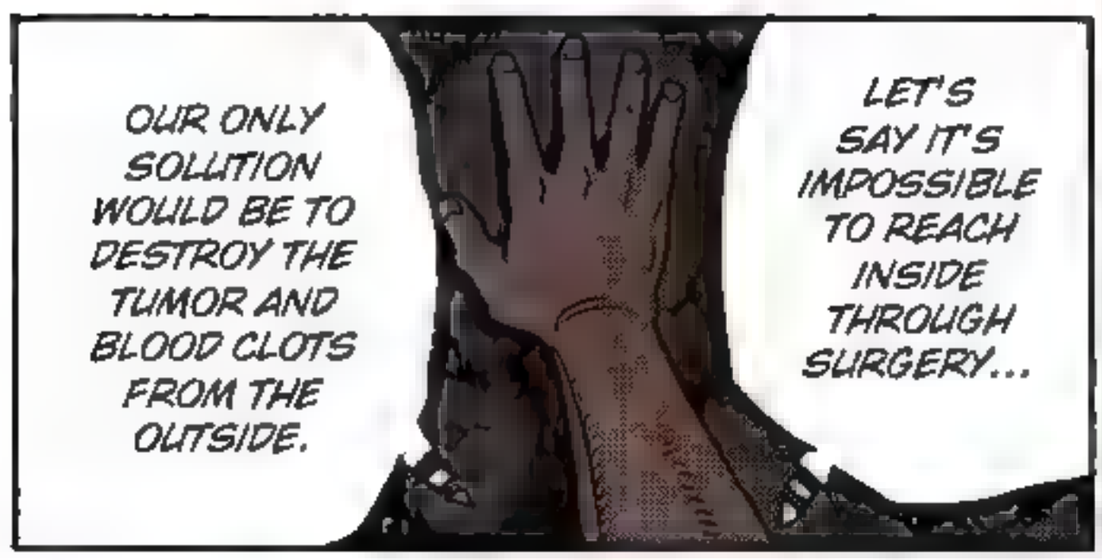

HIS ABILITY WAS PROBABLY THE RESULT OF TRAINING USING PALPITATIONS AND TAPPING WITH PATIENCE.
LEORIO'S TRYING TO BECOME A DOCTOR.
HE MUST'VE DONE SOMETHING LIKE THIS AS WELL.





JUST LIKE THIS...!!

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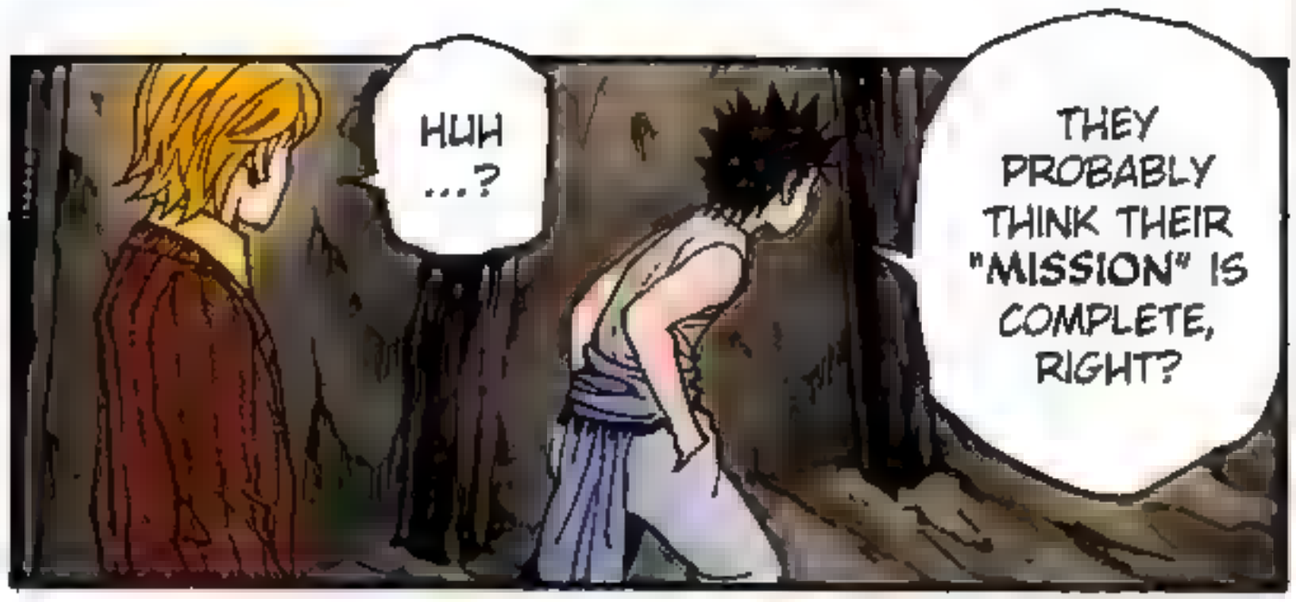
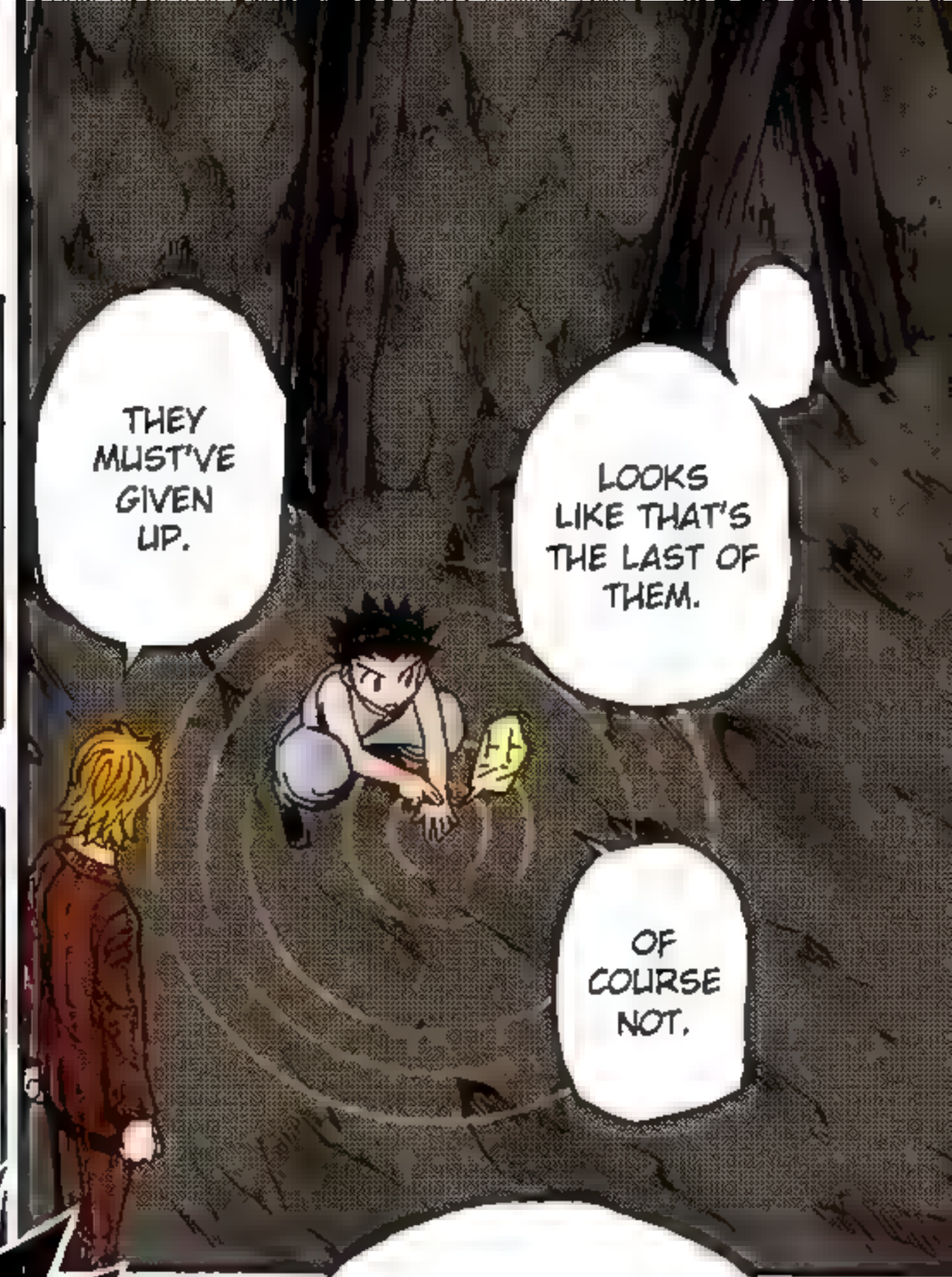
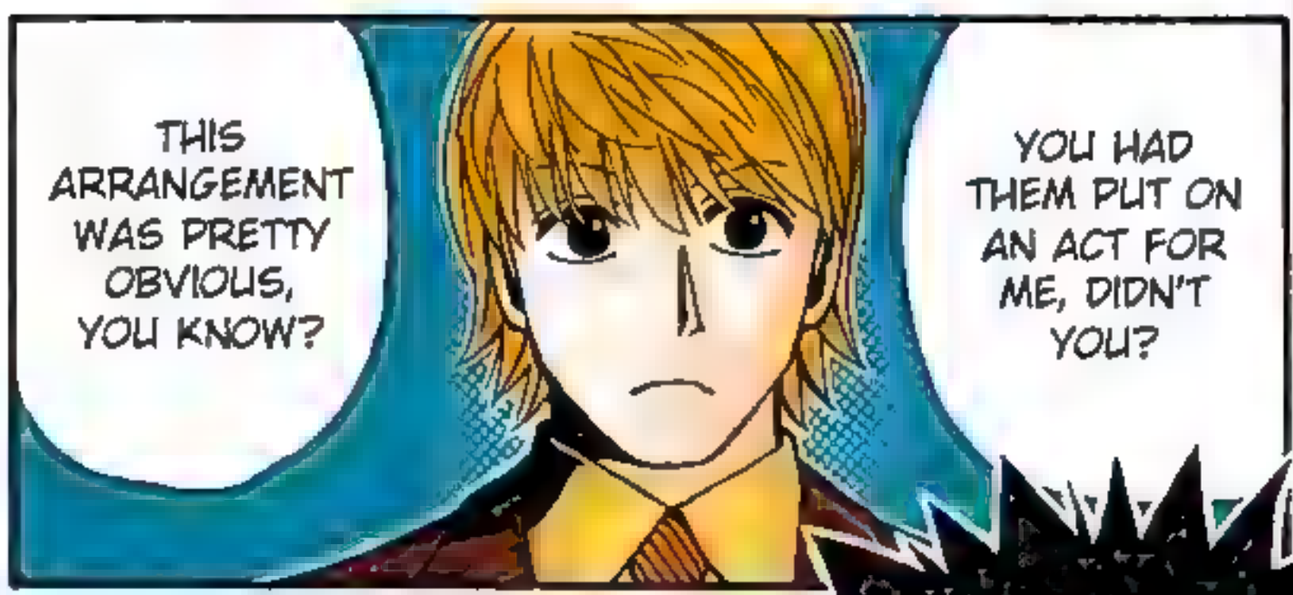

HUH ...?
THEY PROBABLY THINK THEIR "MISSION" IS COMPLETE, RIGHT?


THEY MUST'VE GIVEN UP.
LOOKS LIKE THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM.
OF COURSE NOT.


THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS, YOU KNOW?
YOU HAD THEM PUT ON AN ACT FOR ME, DIDN'T YOU?

ALTHOUGH, IF THE CHOICES WERE PRESENTED, I MIGHT HAVE TAKEN IT.
SURE, THERE WERE A LOT OF ROUGH EDGES, BUT THE BIGGEST GIVE AWAY WAS WITH THAT PISSED-OFF MOHAWK GUY WHO DIDN'T BRING UP THE OPTIONS OF "KICKING US BOTH OUT".
I JUST WENT ALONG WITH IT BECAUSE I FELT SORRY THEY HAD TO GO WITH SUCH A BAD SCENARIO, NEXT TIME, TAKE YOUR TIME TO JUST DO IT YOURSELF.
THAT IS IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE MY ABILITY.

SO THE CAT'S OUT OF THE BAG...

OH.

THAT'S WHAT YOU SOUNDED LIKE.

I'VE-ALWAYS-HATED-HOW...

I REALLY WANNA KILL YOU RIGHT NOW.

LIKE HUH?! THE DELIVERY WAS RIDICULOUSLY MONOTONE!

YOU HAVE NO SELF AWARENESS.

ARE YOU FOR REAL?

AND HERE I THOUGHT MY ACTING WAS GREAT.

THAT ISN'T A PROBLEM.

AT BEST, THEY'LL ONLY PROVIDE AS BACKUP.

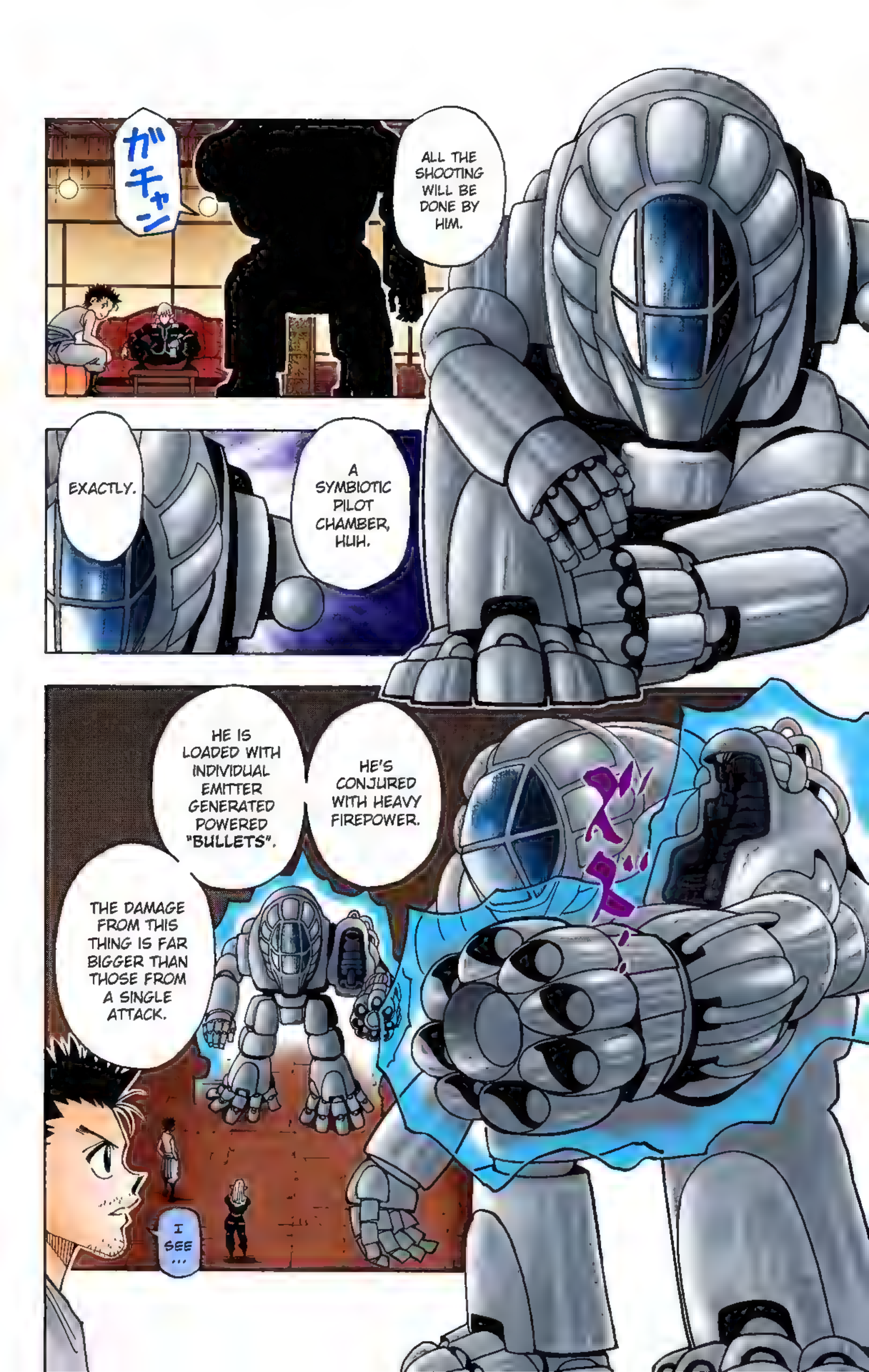
THEY WON'T SURVIVE IN THE DARK CONTINENT.

I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SOLDIERS THAN YOUR ACTING.

WE ALSO PROVIDE SNIPER FIREPOWER.

OUR JOB IS JUST SCOUTING AND PROVIDING ARTILLERY.

THEY ORIGINALLY WERE JUST BACKUP.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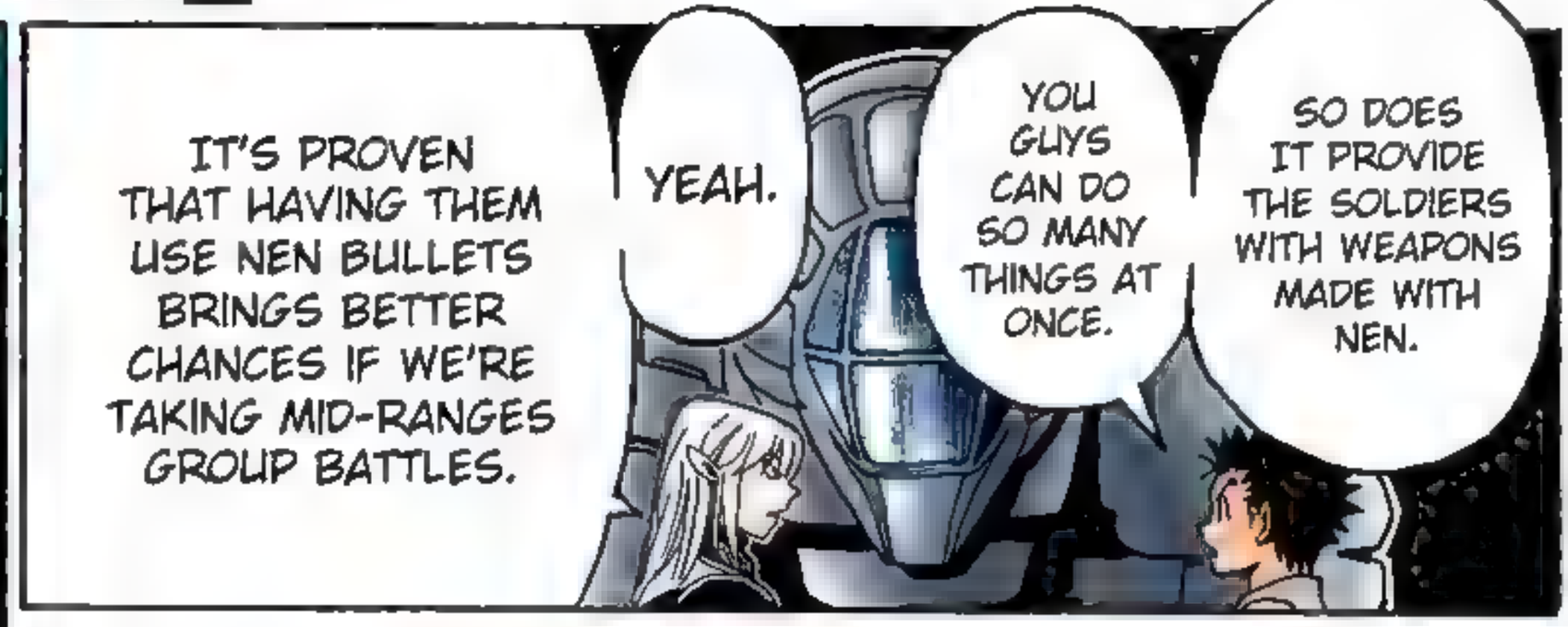
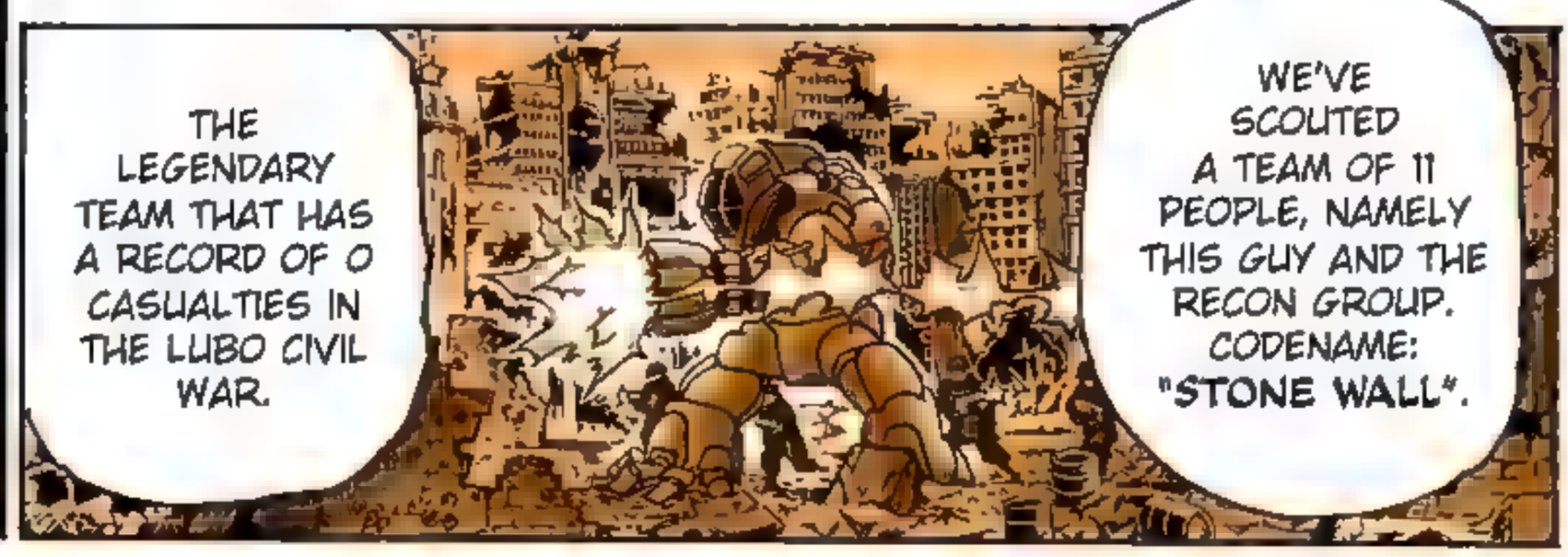
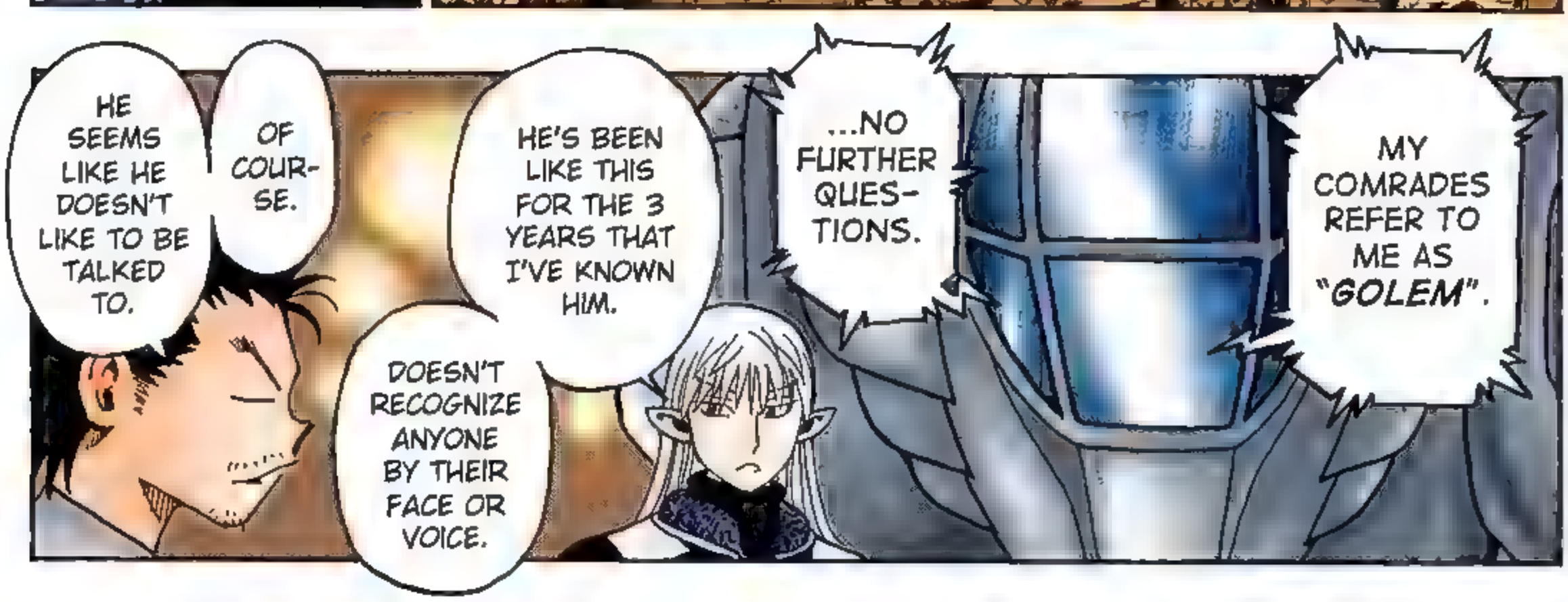
ALL THE SHOOTING WILL BE DONE BY HIM.
EXACTLY.
A SYMBIOTIC PILOT CHAMBER, HUH.
HE IS LOADED WITH INDIVIDUAL EMITTER GENERATED POWERED "BULLETS".
HE'S CONJURED WITH HEAVY FIREPOWER.
THE DAMAGE FROM THIS THING IS FAR BIGGER THAN THOSE FROM A SINGLE ATTACK.
I SEE ...

THAT'S AMAZING.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?


IT'S PROVEN THAT HAVING THEM USE NEN BULLETS BRINGS BETTER CHANCES IF WE'RE TAKING MID-RANGES GROUP BATTLES.
YEAH.
YOU GUYS CAN DO SO MANY THINGS AT ONCE.
SO DOES IT PROVIDE THE SOLDIERS WITH WEAPONS MADE WITH NEN.


THE LEGENDARY TEAM THAT HAS A RECORD OF 0 CASUALTIES IN THE LUBO CIVIL WAR.
WE'VE SCOUTED A TEAM OF 11 PEOPLE, NAMELY THIS GUY AND THE RECON GROUP. CODENAME: "STONE WALL".


HE SEEMS LIKE HE DOESN'T LIKE TO BE TALKED TO.
OF COUR-SE.
HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS FOR THE 3 YEARS THAT I'VE KNOWN HIM.
DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ANYONE BY THEIR FACE OR VOICE.
...NO FURTHER QUES-TIONS.
MY COMRADES REFER TO ME AS "GOLEM".

UNTIL YOU BROUGHT THE PART ABOUT MONEY...!
WHEN I FIRST HEARD YOU WERE GONNA BE NO.2, I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE AN ISSUE WITH IT.

MIND IF I'M HONEST WITH YOU?
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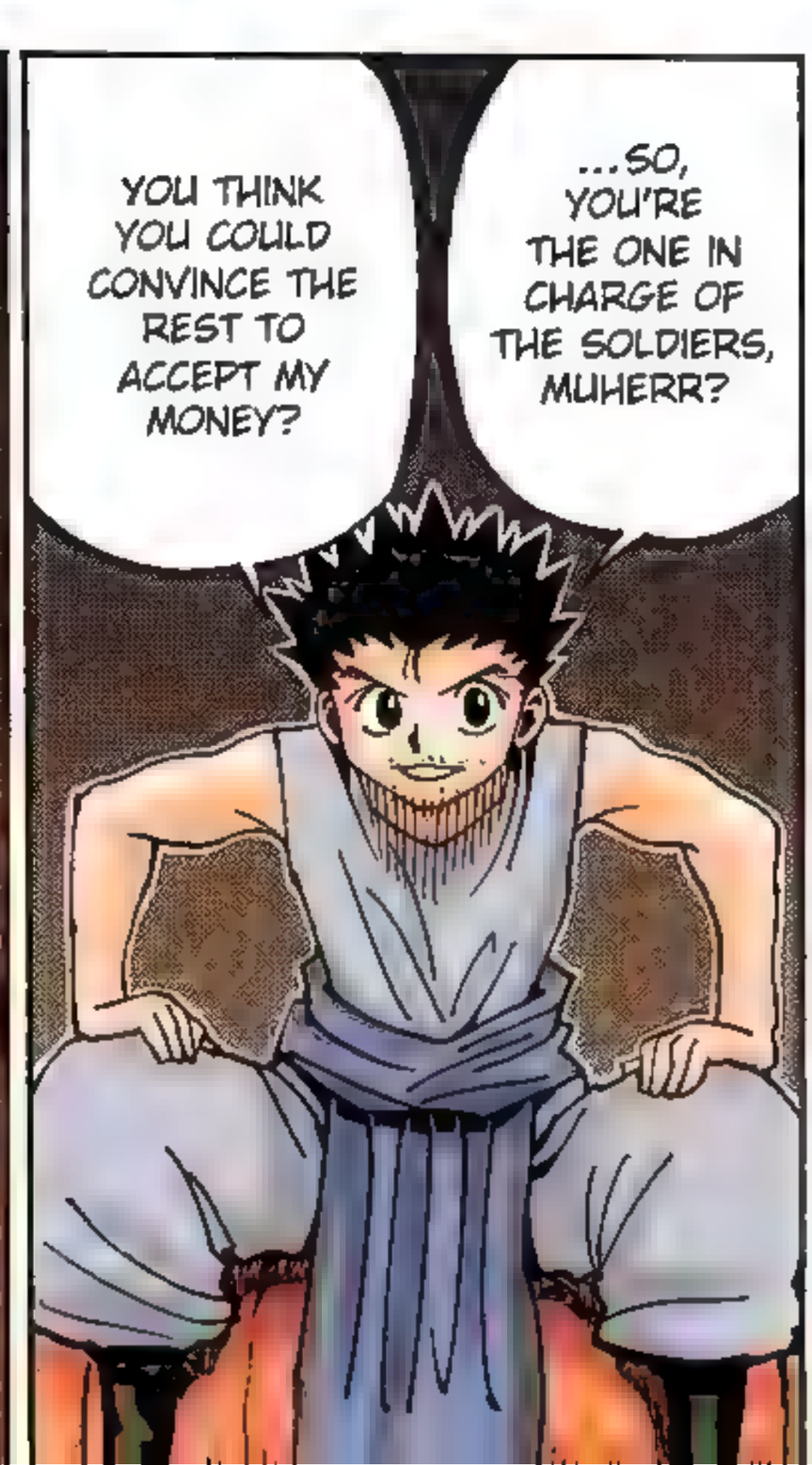

YOU THINK YOU COULD CONVINCE THE REST TO ACCEPT MY MONEY?
...SO, YOU'RE THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE SOLDIERS, MUHERR?

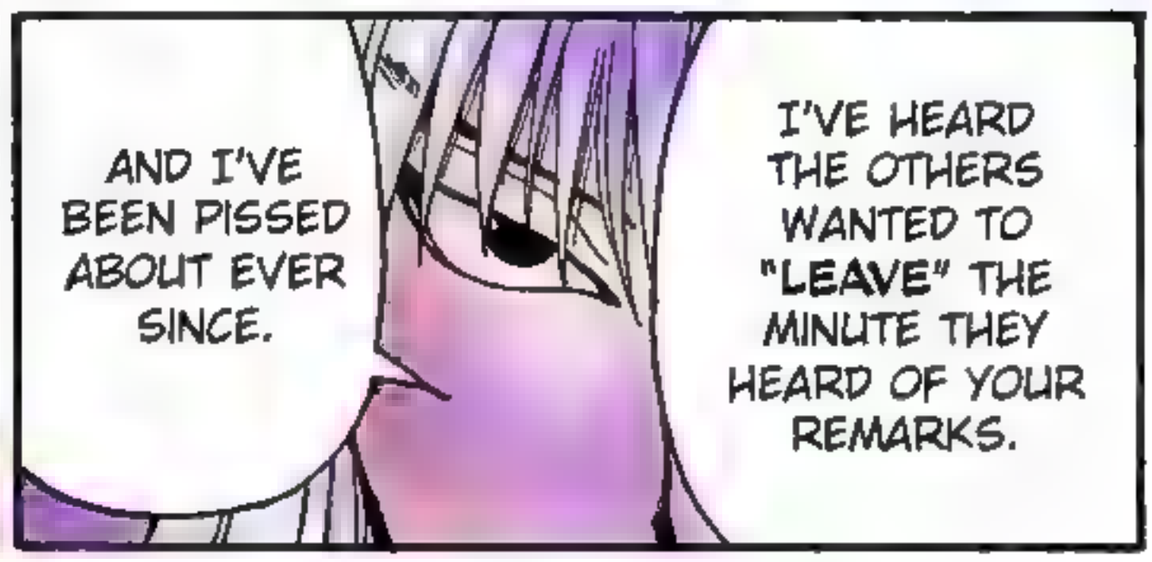
IT'S A LOT LIKE WITH A BOOK ON A SHELF OR A REMOTE JUST SITTING ON THE COFFEE TABLE, THEY HAVE TO BE JUST SO.

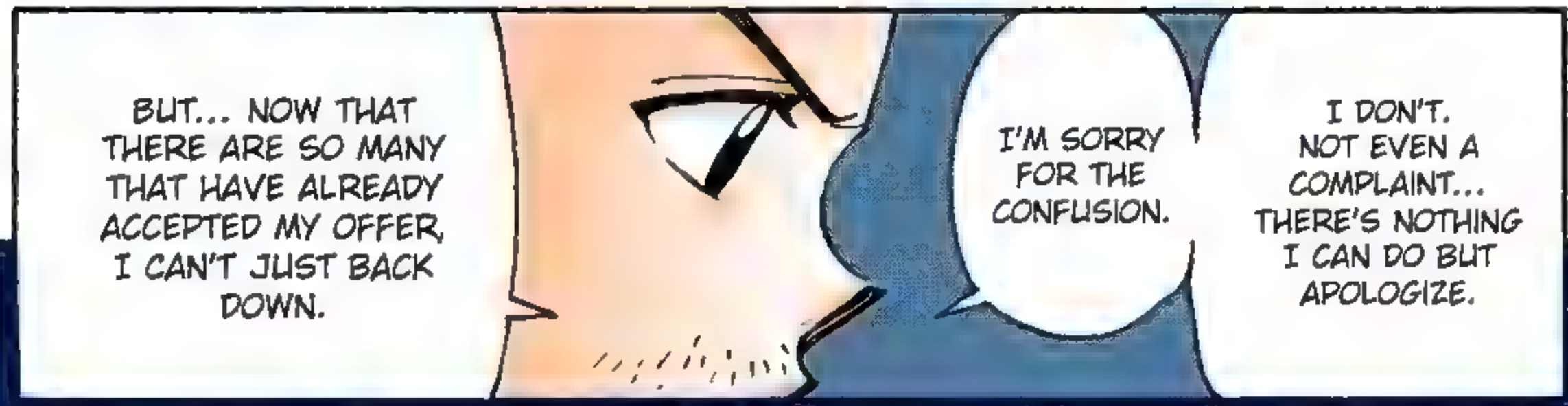
THROWING MONEY OUT SO EASILY AS IF IT WERE SO SIMPLE REALLY MADE ME SICK.

DO YOU KNOW THAT WE SOLDIERS VALUE TRUST IN OUR COMRADES MORE THAN ANYTHING?

YOU JUST CAN'T CHANGE THINGS HERE.

SAYING THAT "YOU'LL BUY OUR SERVICE" WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO ME.





THIS FOUNDATION BEGAN WITH A SOLDIER, NORWELL, WHO PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO "ONE-WAY PEOPLE" (CHILD SOLDIERS, REFUGEES, AND THE POOR, WHOSE OPTIONS ARE LIMITED). THEN OTHERS STARTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO HIS INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT. THE NORWELL FUND USES A UNIQUE THREE-GENERATIONAL DEPOSIT SYSTEM AND FORMED ONLY THROUGH TRUST AMONG DEPOSITORS.

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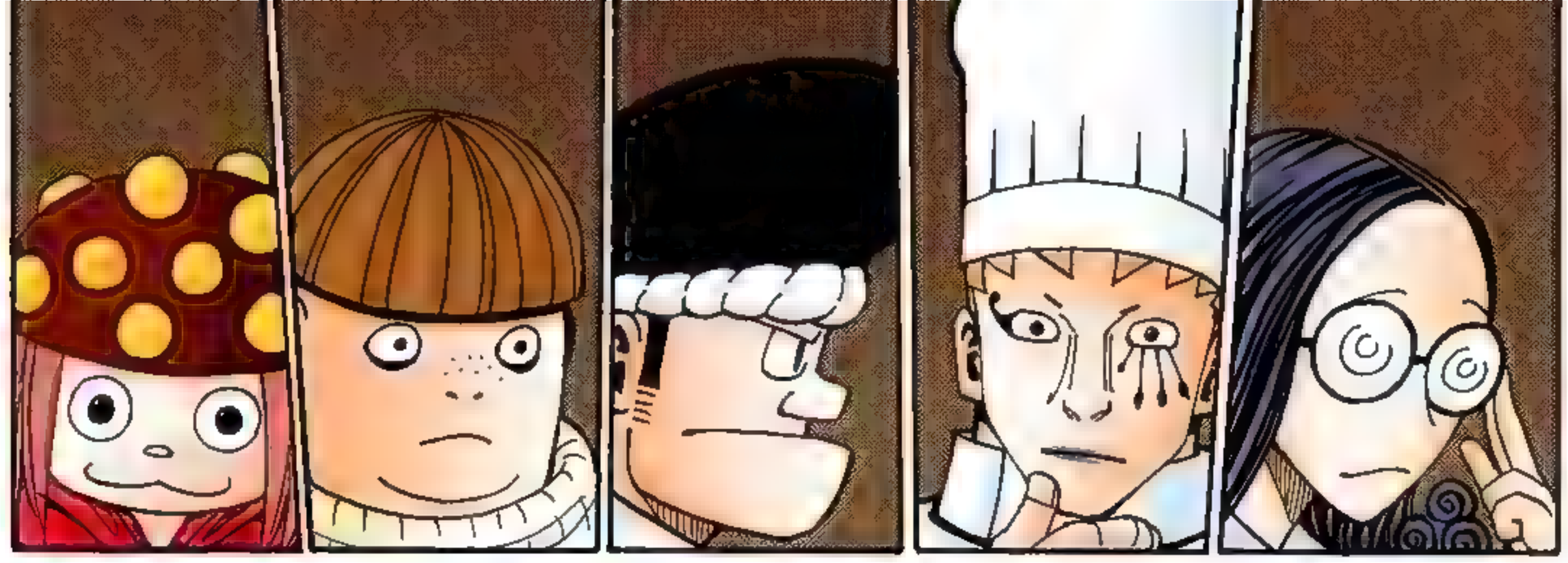
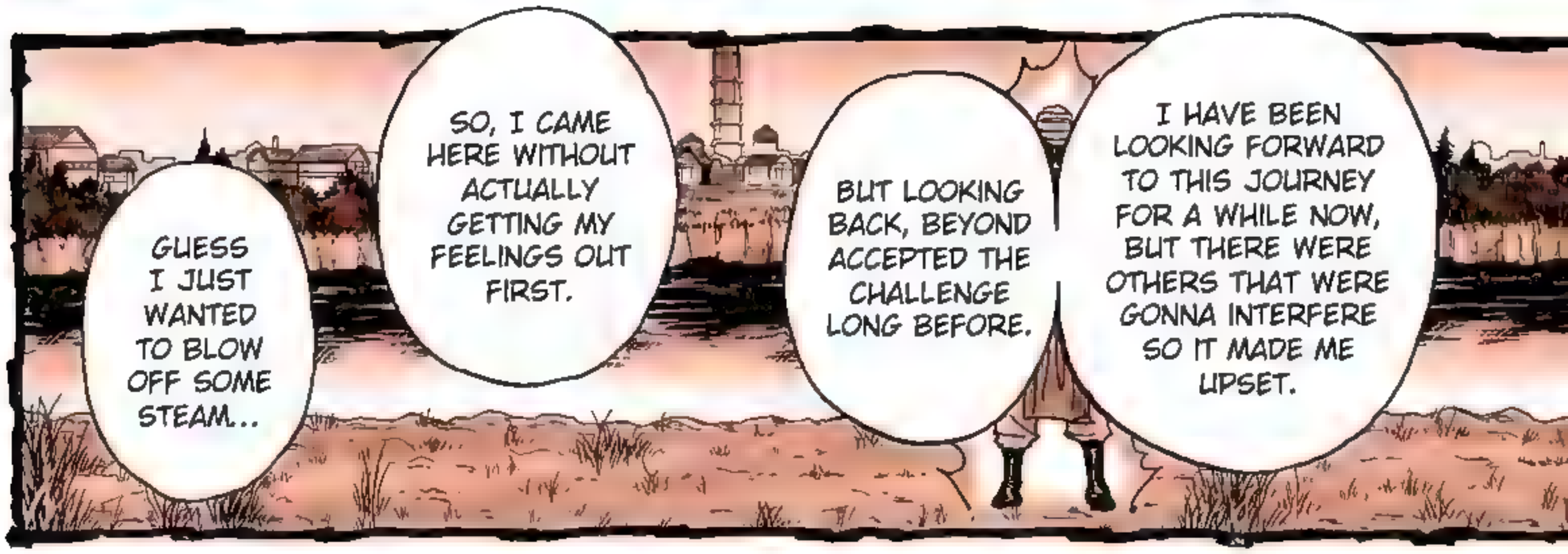
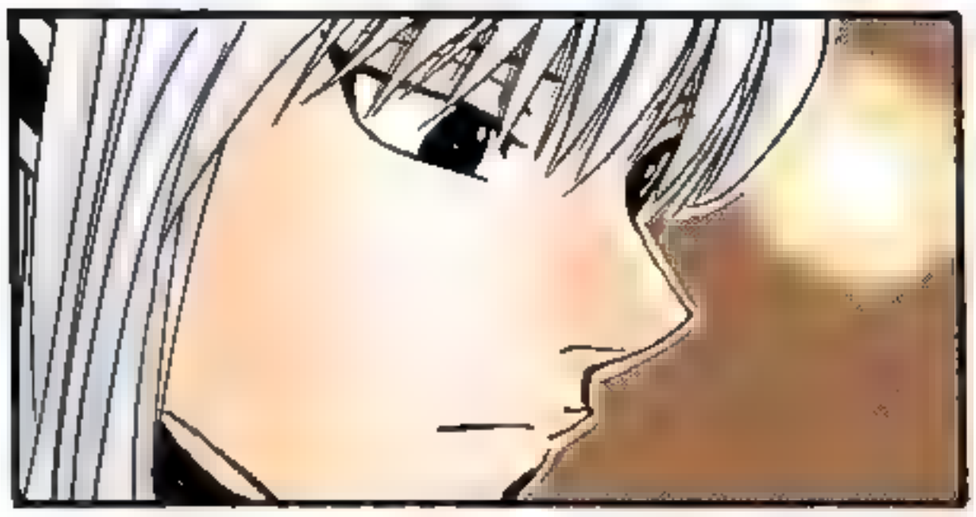
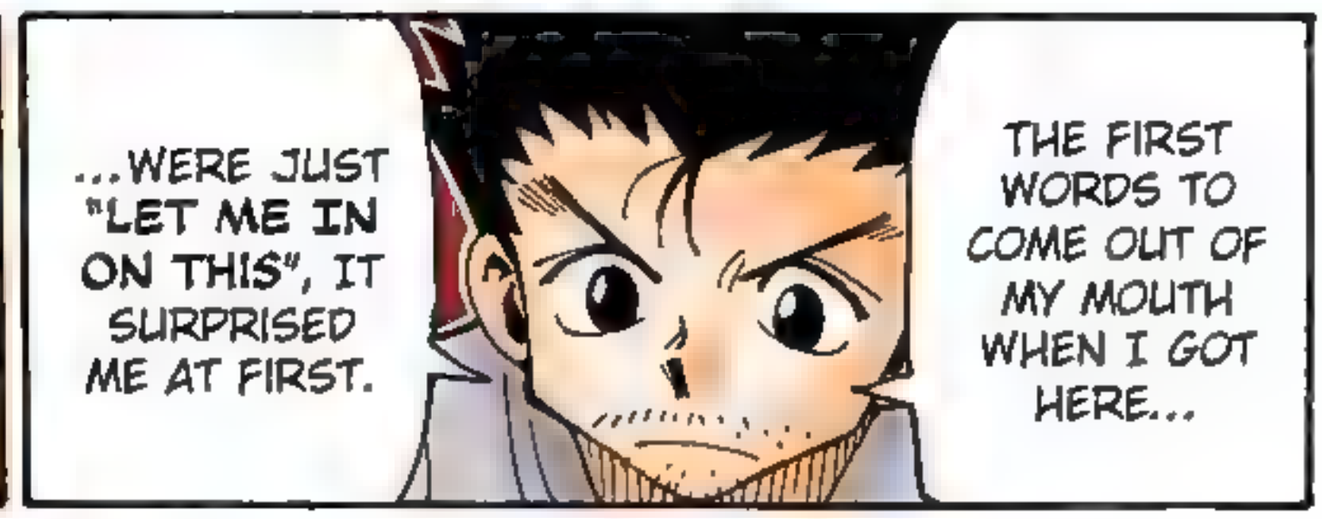
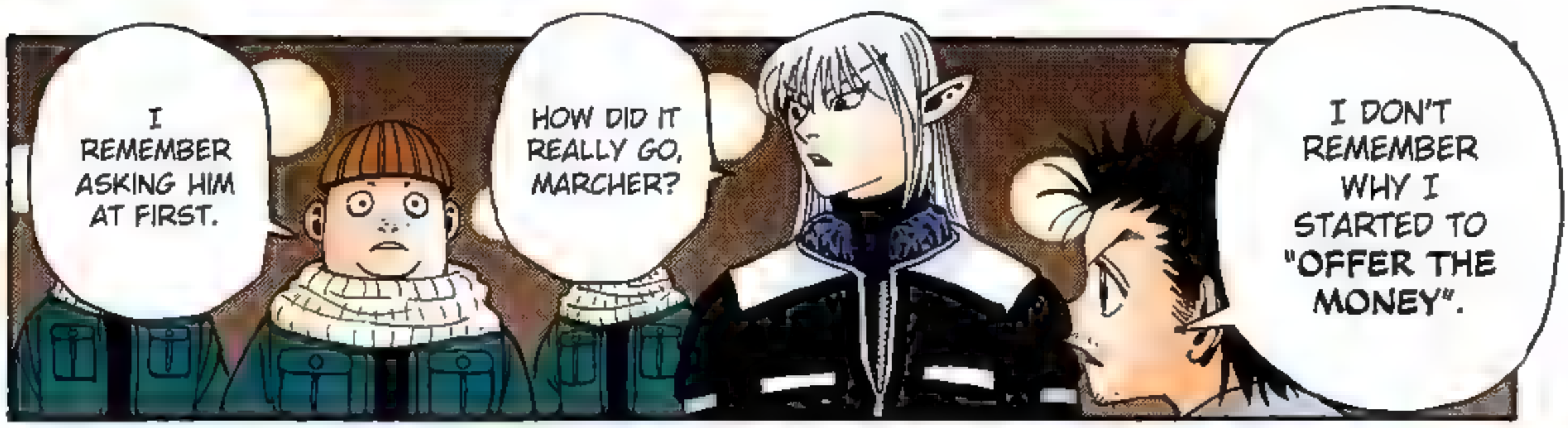
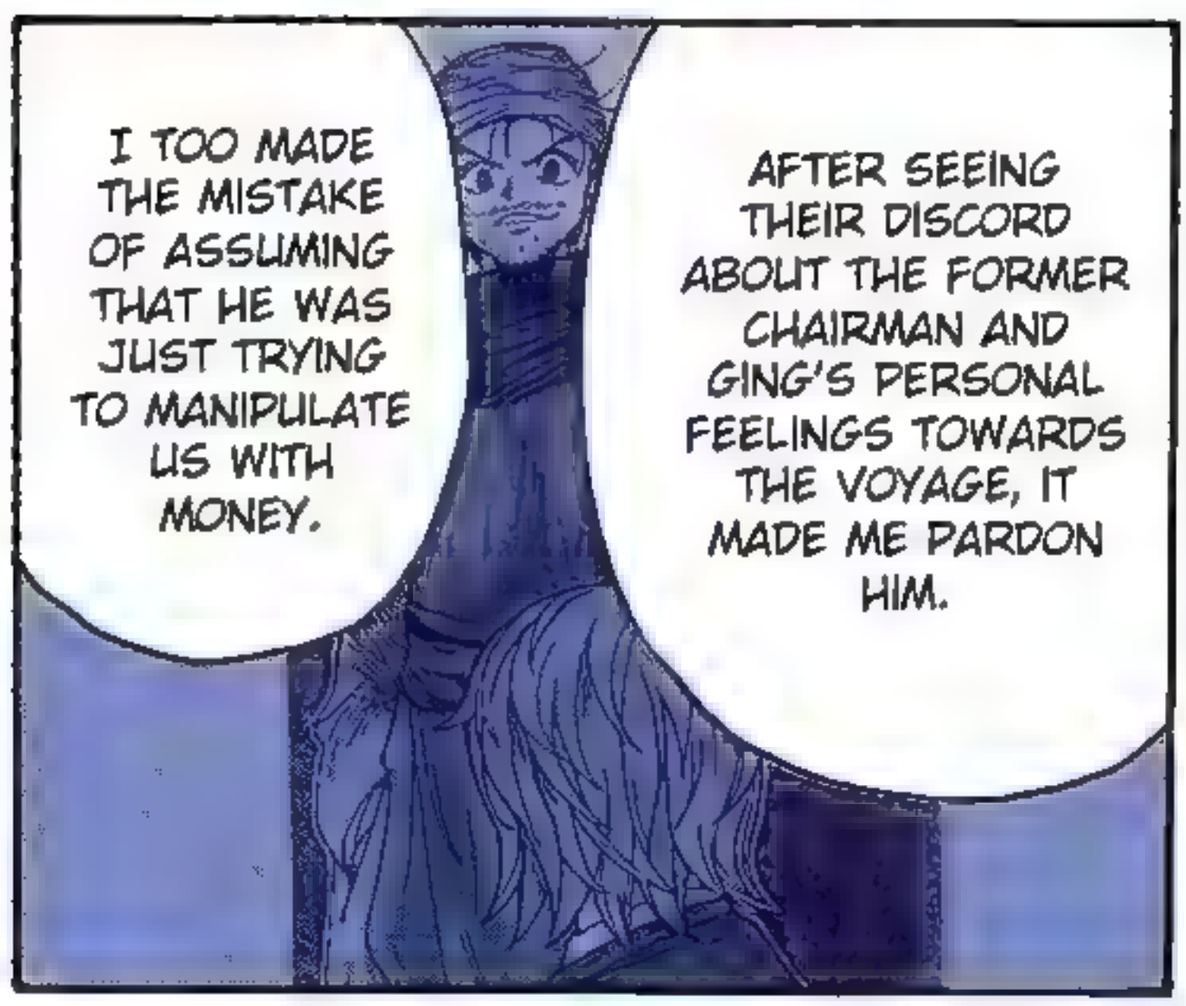


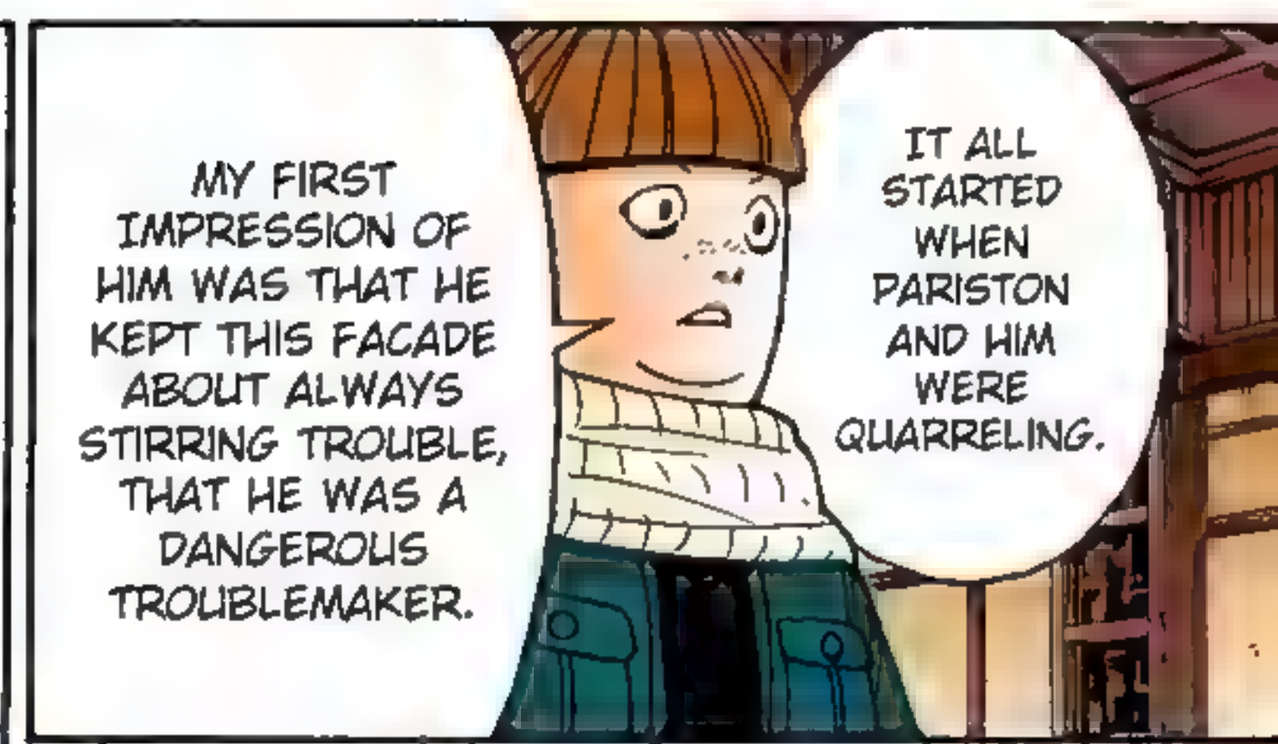

GUESS I JUST WANTED TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM...
SO, I CAME HERE WITHOUT ACTUALLY GETTING MY FEELINGS OUT FIRST.
BUT LOOKING BACK, BEYOND ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE LONG BEFORE.
I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS JOURNEY FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT THERE WERE OTHERS THAT WERE GONNA INTERFERE SO IT MADE ME UPSET.




...WERE JUST "LET ME IN ON THIS", IT SURPRISED ME AT FIRST.
THE FIRST WORDS TO COME OUT OF MY MOUTH WHEN I GOT HERE...


I REMEMBER ASKING HIM AT FIRST.
HOW DID IT REALLY GO, MARCHER?
I DON'T REMEMBER WHY I STARTED TO "OFFER THE MONEY".


I TOO MADE THE MISTAKE OF ASSUMING THAT HE WAS JUST TRYING TO MANIPULATE US WITH MONEY.
AFTER SEEING THEIR DISCORD ABOUT THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND GING'S PERSONAL FEELINGS TOWARDS THE VOYAGE, IT MADE ME PARDON HIM.


MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF HIM WAS THAT HE KEPT THIS FACADE ABOUT ALWAYS STIRRING TROUBLE, THAT HE WAS A DANGEROUS TROUBLEMAKER.
IT ALL STARTED WHEN PARISTON AND HIM WERE QUARRELING.

I THINK I GET IT NOW.

I SEE.

THAT IS ALL.

TO PRIORITIZE A LOGICAL SOLUTION, WE CONSIDERED HAVING HIM COMMAND US SINCE HE BROUGHT AN UNDENIABLE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

MARIONE AND I WERE PREPARED TO TAKE TOTAL CONTROL OF THE SITUATION WITH A FIGHT.

I WAS SERIOUS ABOUT TAKING HIS POSITION AS NO.2, TO PREVENT ANY OF HIS SCHEMES.

AND I TRULY WANT TO HELP BEYOND ON THIS VOYAGE.

MY HISTORY WITH PARISTON... IS A BIT COMPLICATED... BUT I'M NOT TRYING TO CAUSE ANY ISSUES.

I DIDN'T THINK MONEY WOULD BE AN ISSUE AT FIRST!!

I TRIED TO BE COOL ABOUT IT.

AND YOU CONCLUDED IT WITH MONEY...

JUST TRUST ME.

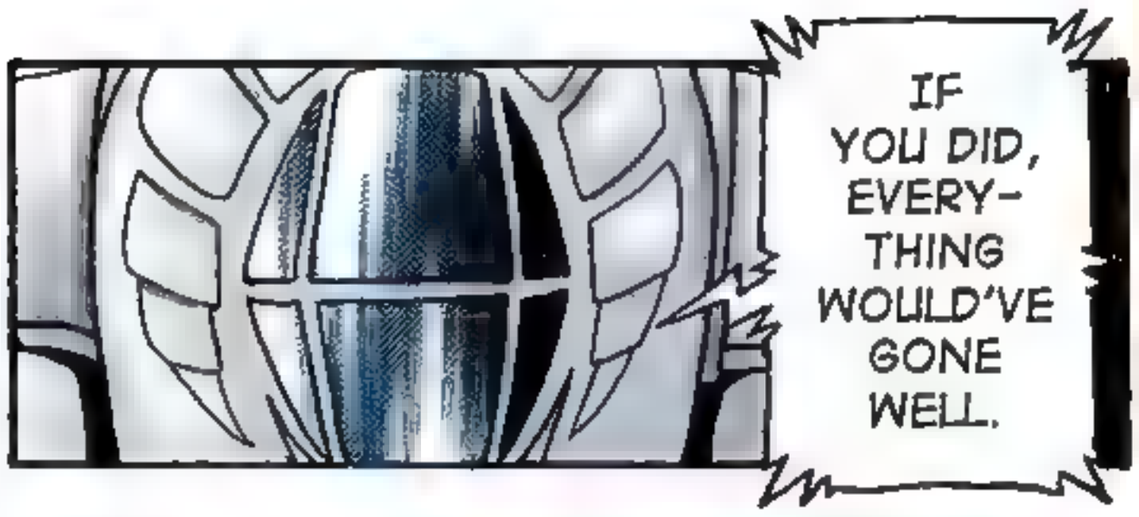
THE MONEY MIGHT BE FROM ME, BUT IT'S ALSO A FORM OF SELF-INTEREST.

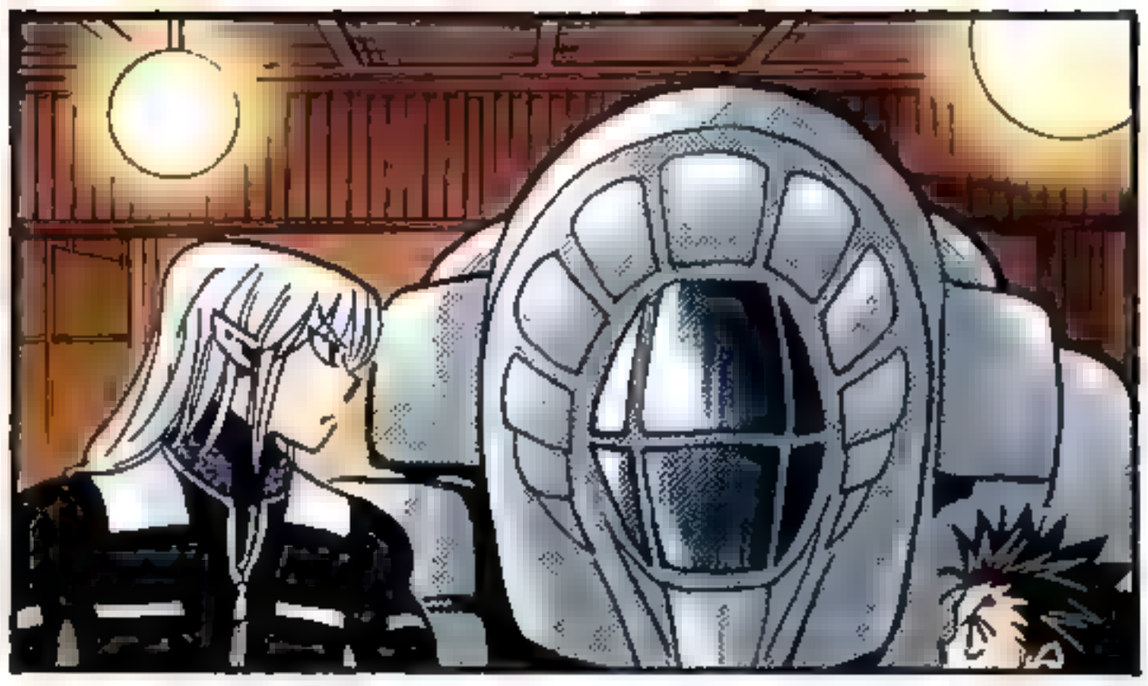
WHETHER YOU TAKE IT OR NOT, IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.

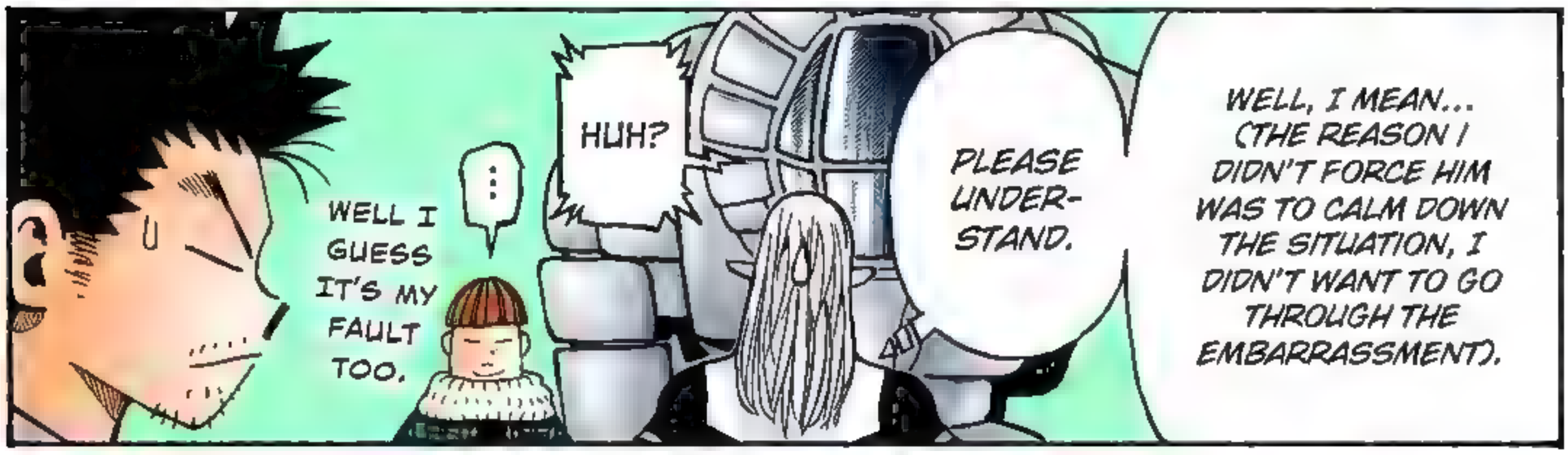
YOU MAKE THE CHOICE, MUHERR.

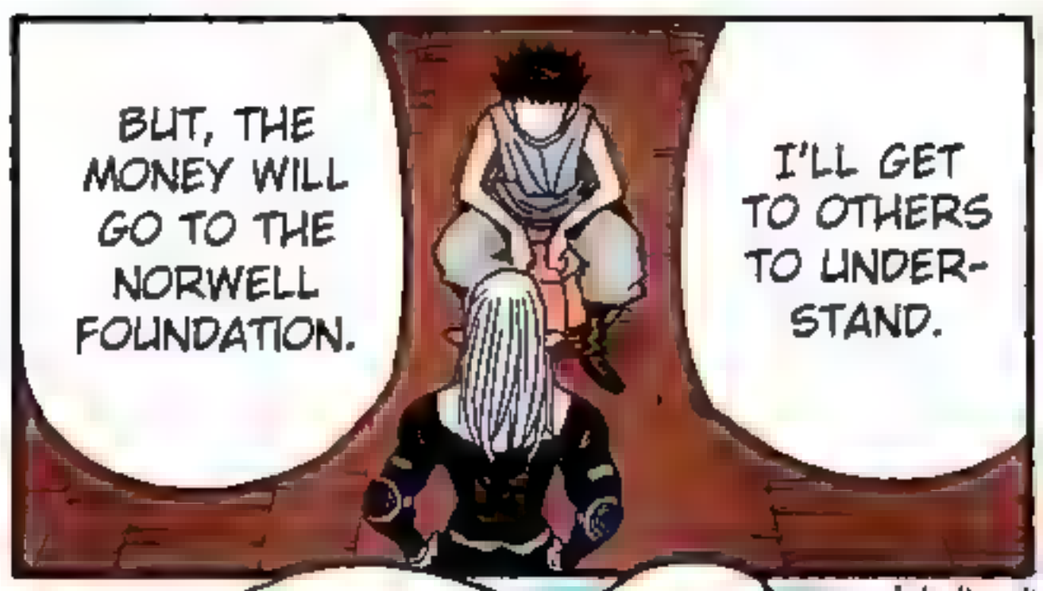
EXPLAIN THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHY DIDN'T YOU...

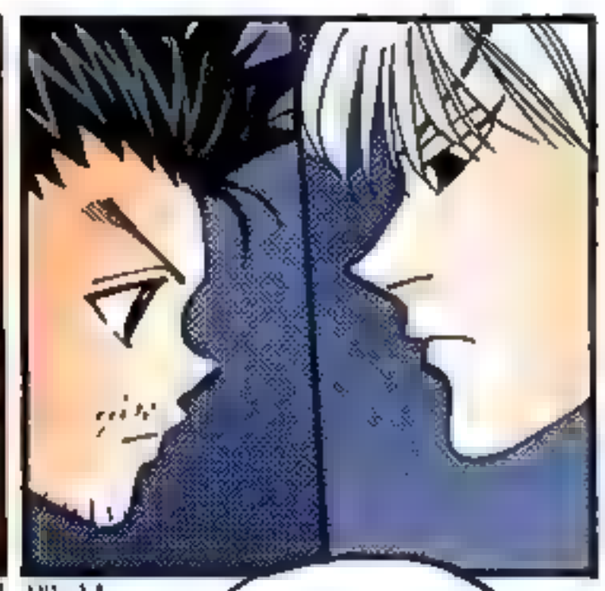

IF YOU DID, EVERY-THING WOULD'VE GONE WELL.



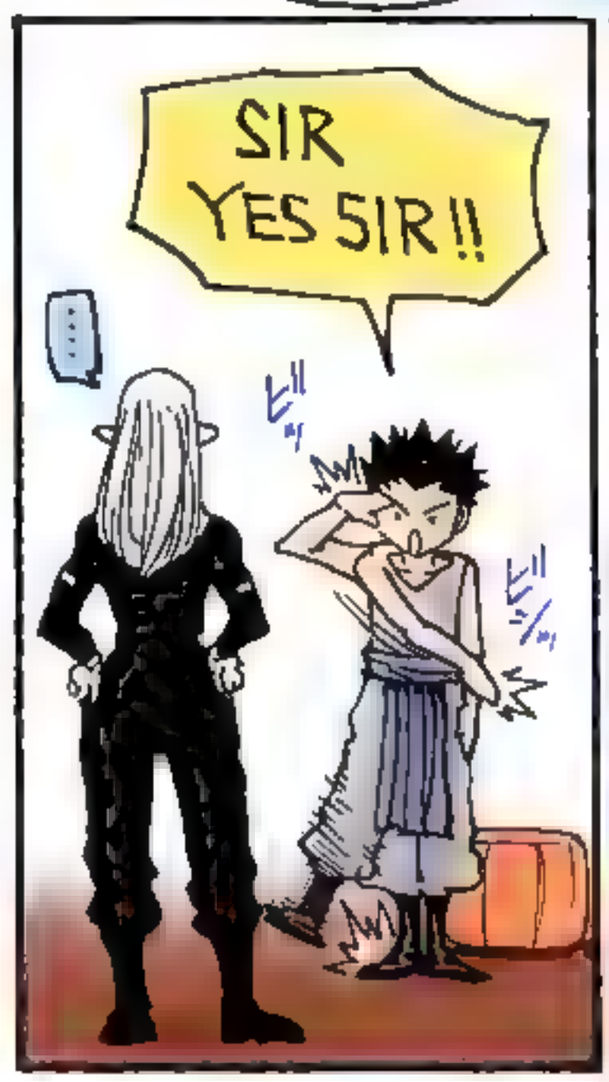

WELL I GUESS IT'S MY FAULT TOO.
...
HUH?
PLEASE UNDER-STAND.
WELL, I MEAN... (THE REASON I DIDN'T FORCE HIM WAS TO CALM DOWN THE SITUATION, I DIDN'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THE EMBARRASSMENT).


BUT, THE MONEY WILL GO TO THE NORWELL FOUNDATION.
I'LL GET TO OTHERS TO UNDER-STAND.

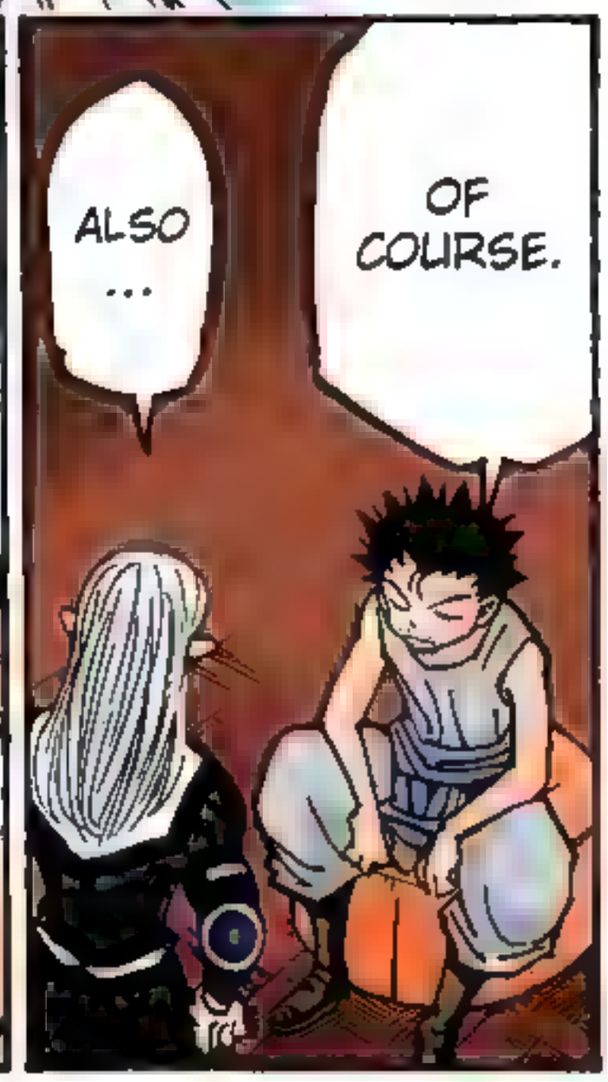
FINE.



...I'LL BE THE ONE LEADING THE SOLDIERS ON THE SCENE, GOT THAT?
BUT...
LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR, YOU CAN BE NO.2.


SIR YES SIR!!

ON THE BATTLEFIELD, MY ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE!! YOUR ONLY ANSWER WILL BE "YES SIR".
IF YOU MAKE A GRANDCHILD ACCOUNT, AUTOMATICALLY THAT MAKES YOU A MEMBER OF MY TEAM.
GOT THAT? NO.2...!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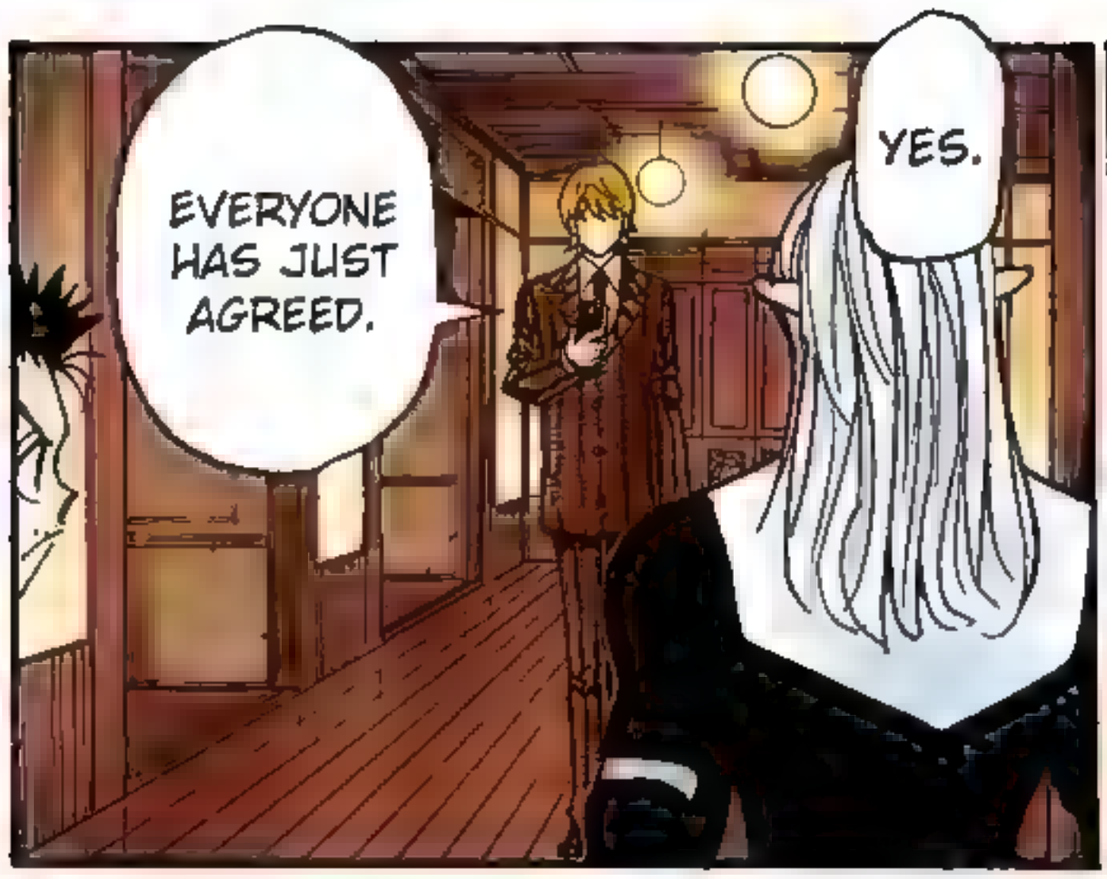
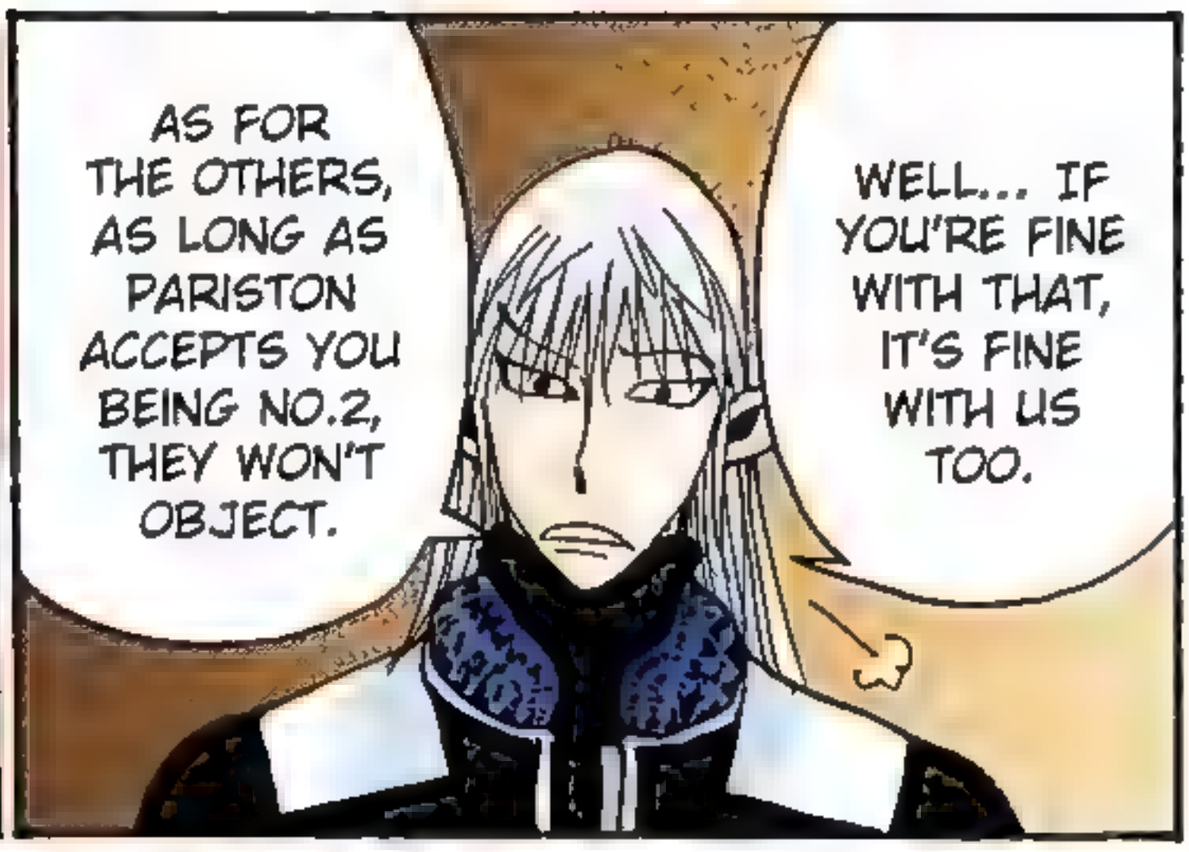
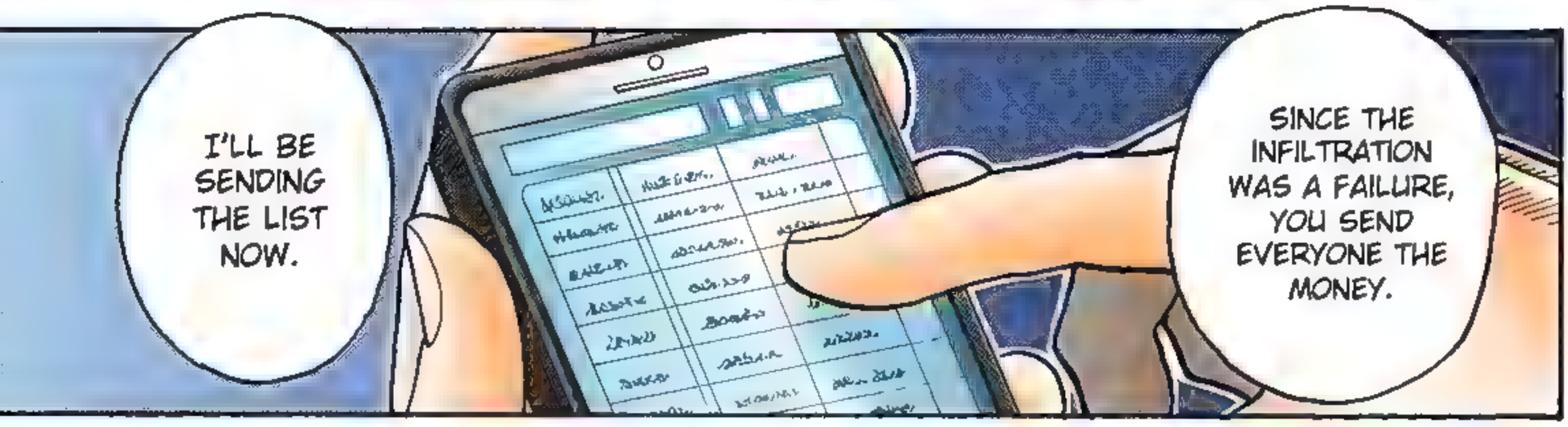
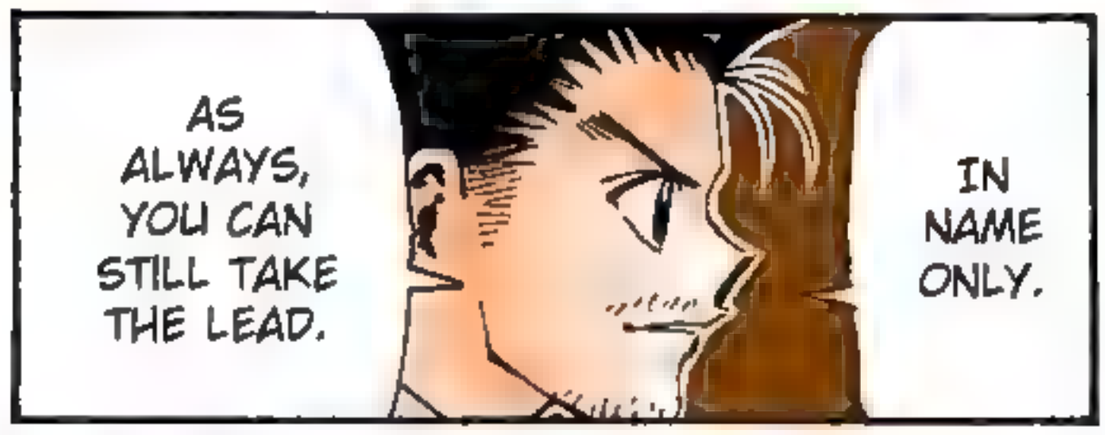
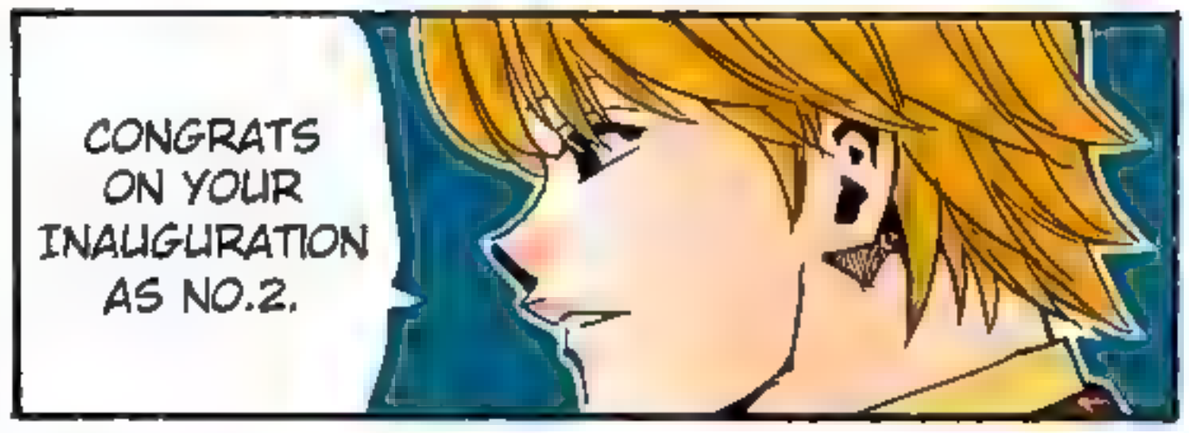
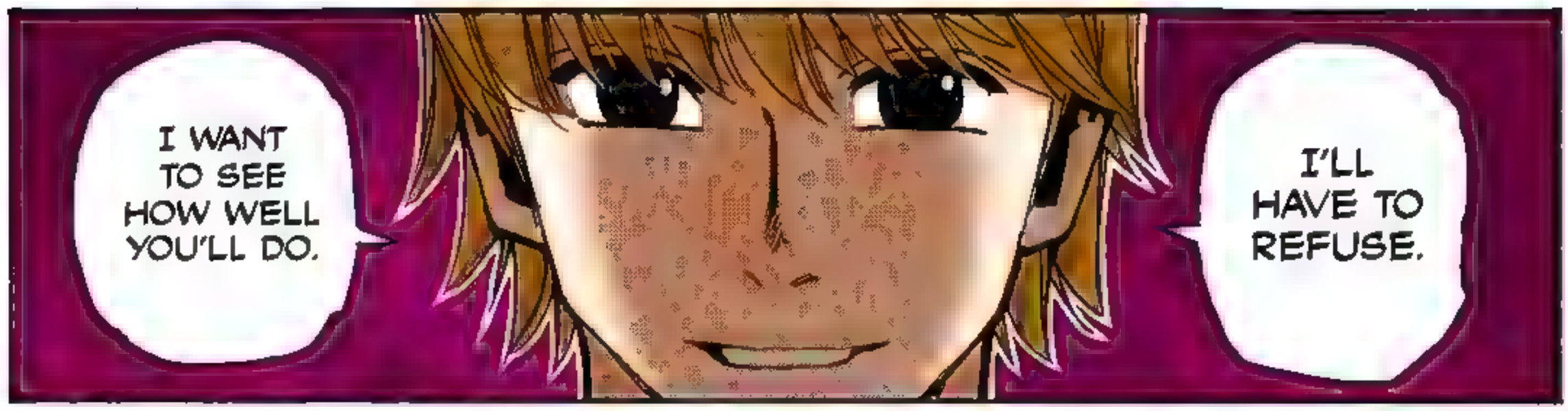

EVERYONE HAS JUST AGREED.
YES.

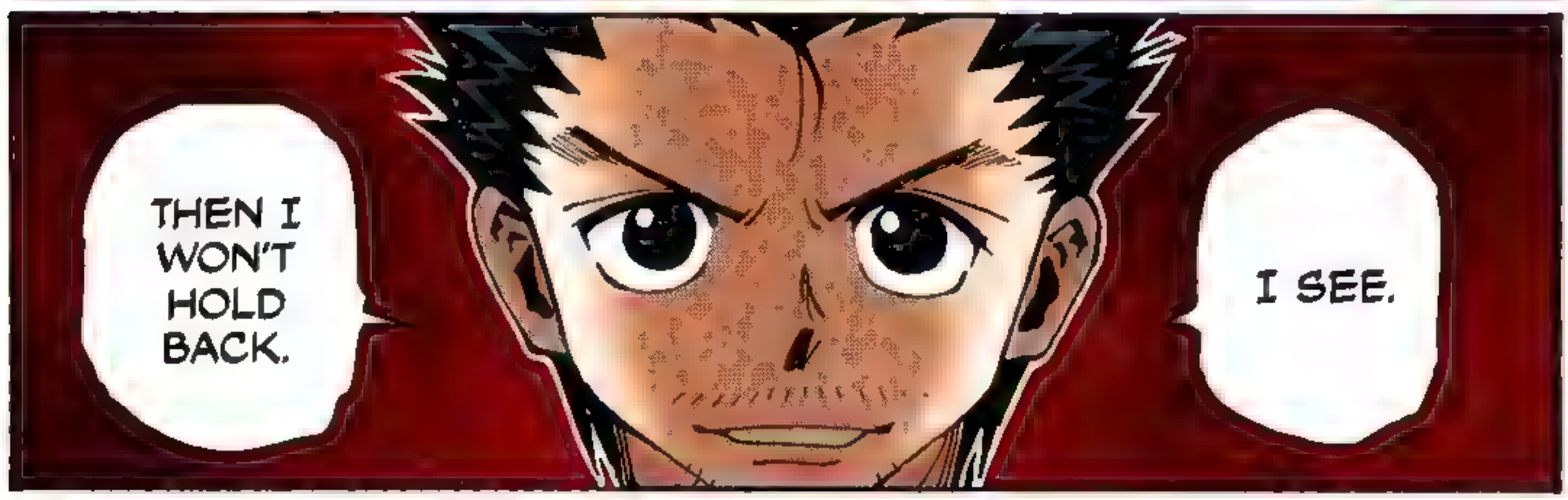

AS FOR THE OTHERS, AS LONG AS PARISTON ACCEPTS YOU BEING NO.2, THEY WON'T OBJECT.
WELL... IF YOU'RE FINE WITH THAT, IT'S FINE WITH US TOO.


I'LL BE SENDING THE LIST NOW.
SINCE THE INFILTRATION WAS A FAILURE, YOU SEND EVERYONE THE MONEY.


AS ALWAYS, YOU CAN STILL TAKE THE LEAD.
IN NAME ONLY.


CONGRATS ON YOUR INAUGURATION AS NO.2.


I WANT TO SEE HOW WELL YOU'LL DO.
I'LL HAVE TO REFUSE.


THEN I WON'T HOLD BACK.
I SEE.

THREE GENERATIONAL ACCOUNT

PARENT ACCOUNT:

IT MANAGES DEPOSITS FROM SUB-ACCOUNTS. ALL MEMBERS CAN SHARE AND MUTUALLY MANAGE INFORMATION ON WITHDRAWALS AND PURCHASES BY ALL ACCOUNTS.

CHILD (SUB) ACCOUNT:

IT MANAGES ONE OR MORE GRANDCHILD ACCOUNTS. A GRANDCHILD CANNOT REFUSE A CHILD'S DISPATCH ORDERS. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES ARE THE SAME AS A GRANDCHILD ACCOUNT.

GRANDCHILD (SUB) ACCOUNT:

A DEPOSIT-ONLY ACCOUNT, WHICH ALL GOES TO THE PARENT ACCOUNT. IT HAS A DESIGNATED CREDIT CARD THAT CAN MAKE PURCHASES FROM ASSOCIATED STORES (INCLUDING ONLINE) AND NO USAGE LIMIT.

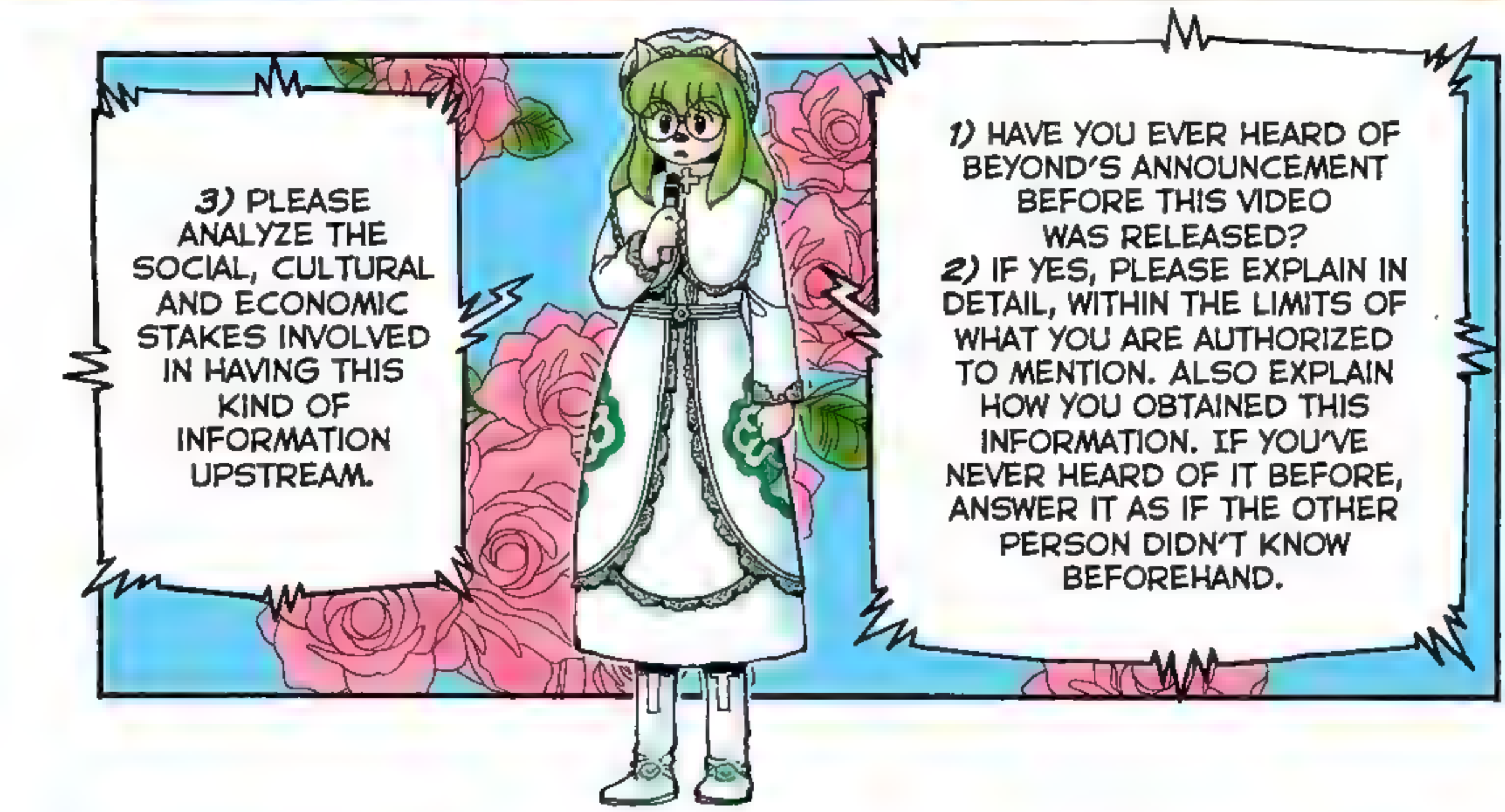
No.348 ◆ RESOLVE

HUNTERS EXAM FINAL ROUND-QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

IT IS A TEST WHICH ALLOWS THE HIGHER UPS EVALUATE THE CAPACITIES OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GATHERING OF INFORMATION, THEIR CAPACITIES OF ANALYSIS, AND PUTTING INTO PRACTICE.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING 3 QUESTIONS, BASED ON THE CONTENT OF THE VIDEO.

HERE IS A PROJECTION OF THE VIDEO ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXPEDITION TO THE DARK CONTINENT OF BEYOND AND KAKIN.



HUNTERS ARE ABLE TO ASSESS THE POWER ISSUES BETWEEN KAKIN AND VS ARE...

HE TRIES TO COVER HIS TRACKS BY DILUTING SOME TRUTHS IN A FLOOD OF LIES.

GUILTY.

YES I KNEW... THANKS TO THE INFORMATION SERVICE WITH WHICH I WORK.

THE STAKES ARE ESSENTIALLY ECONOMIC, AND CONCERN IN PARTICULAR THE PRICE OF THE STOCK MARKET AND BUSINESS. BUT IT IS ESPECIALLY TO THE ROYAL FAMILY OF KAKIN THAT IT BENEFITS.

HE KNOWS NOTHING.

INNOCENT.

OF COURSE, I KNEW, BUT I CANNOT REVEAL MY SOURCE.

BUT THE BEST POSSIBLE APPROACH, IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE TO INFILTRATE THE UPPER ECHELONS OF KAKIN...

TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST, I HAD NEVER HEARD OF THIS EXPEDITION.

GUILTY.

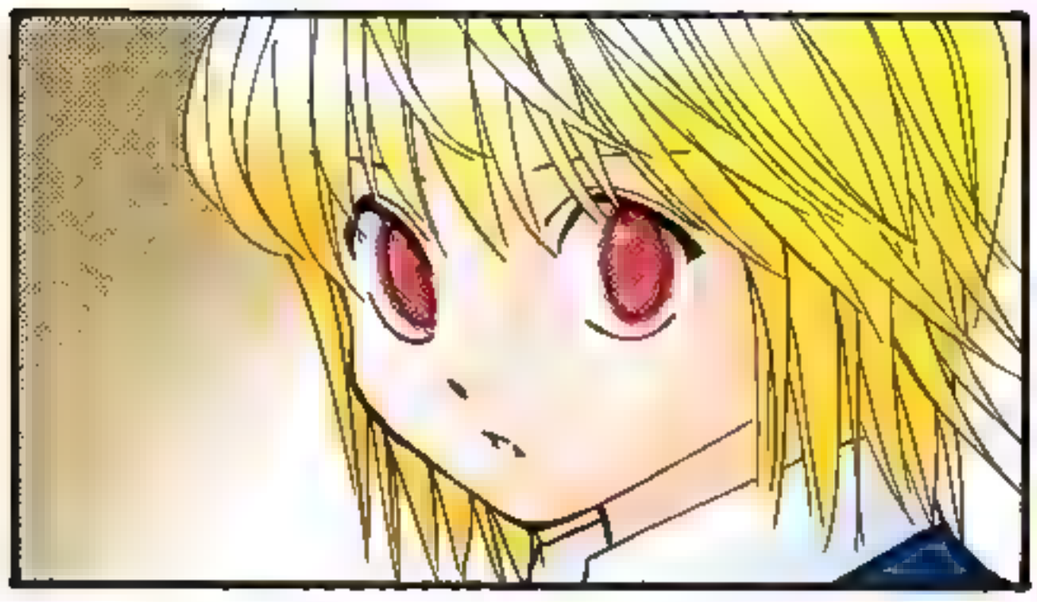
IN-DEED.

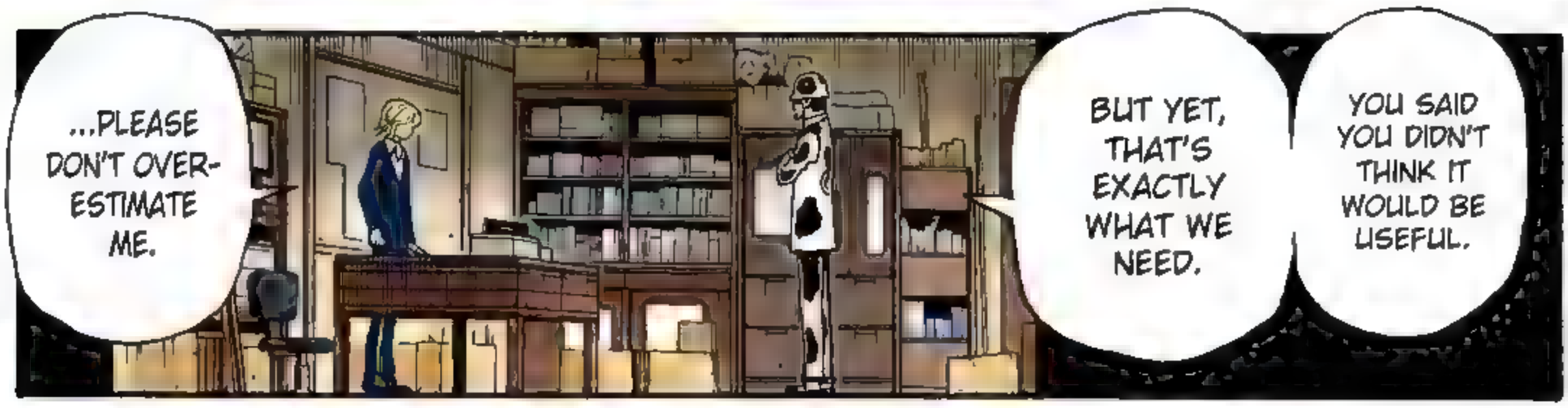
...IT'S REALLY SURPRISING.

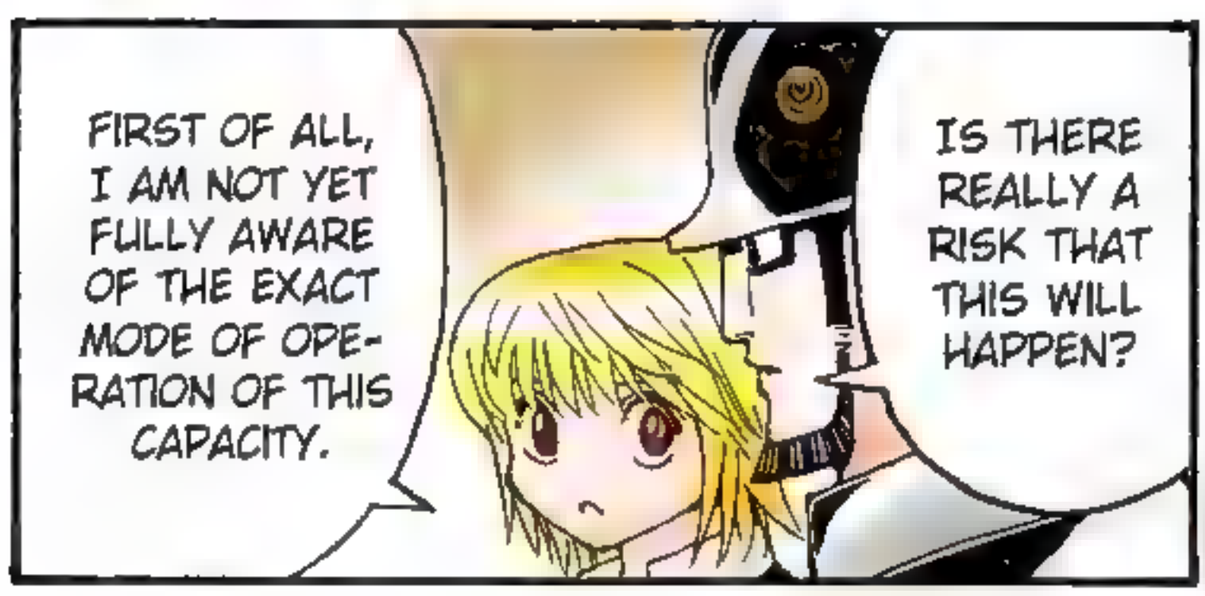
I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO COULD BYPASS LIE DETECTORS AND THERMOGRAPHY.

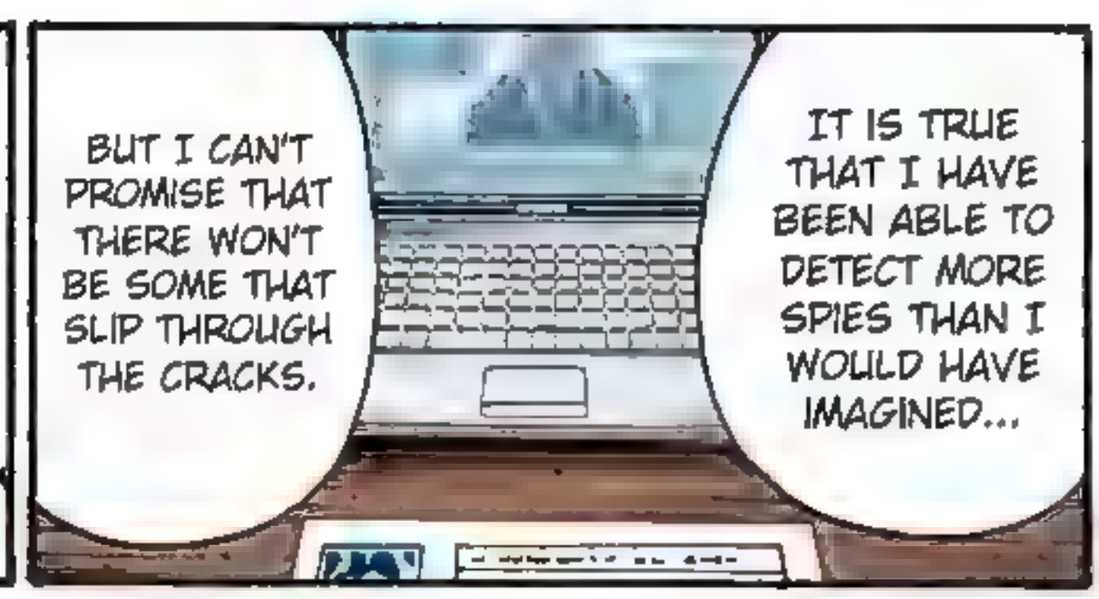
I THOUGHT WE HAD FILTERED ALL THE SPIES WITH THE FALSE PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST...

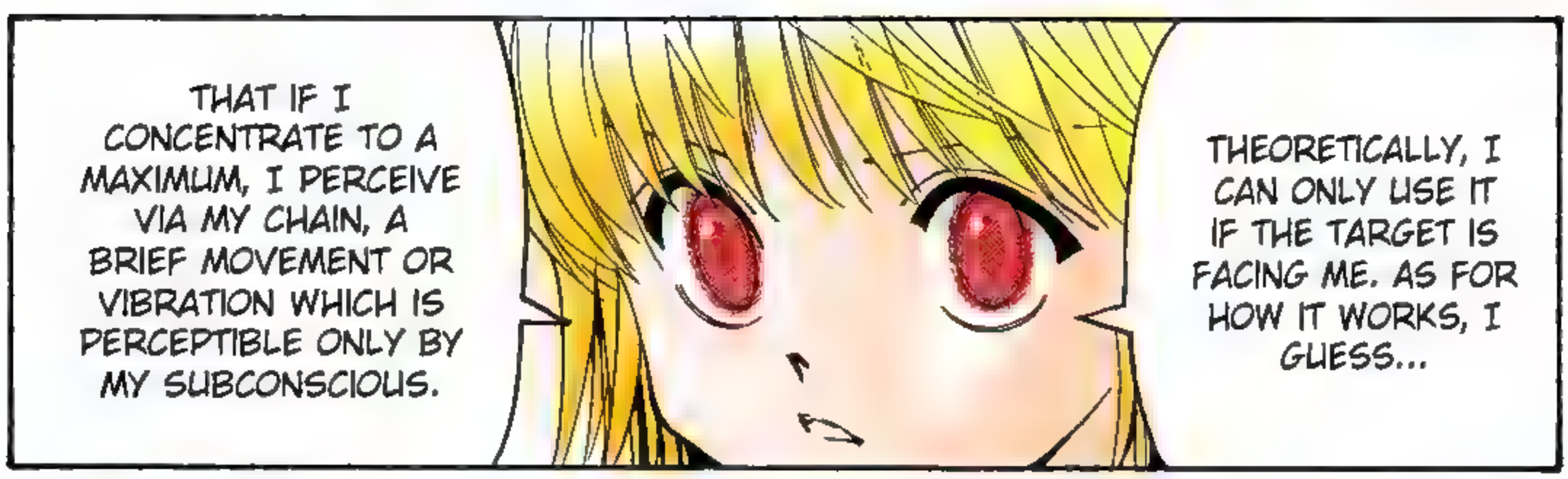
IT CONCEALS KEY INFORMATION.









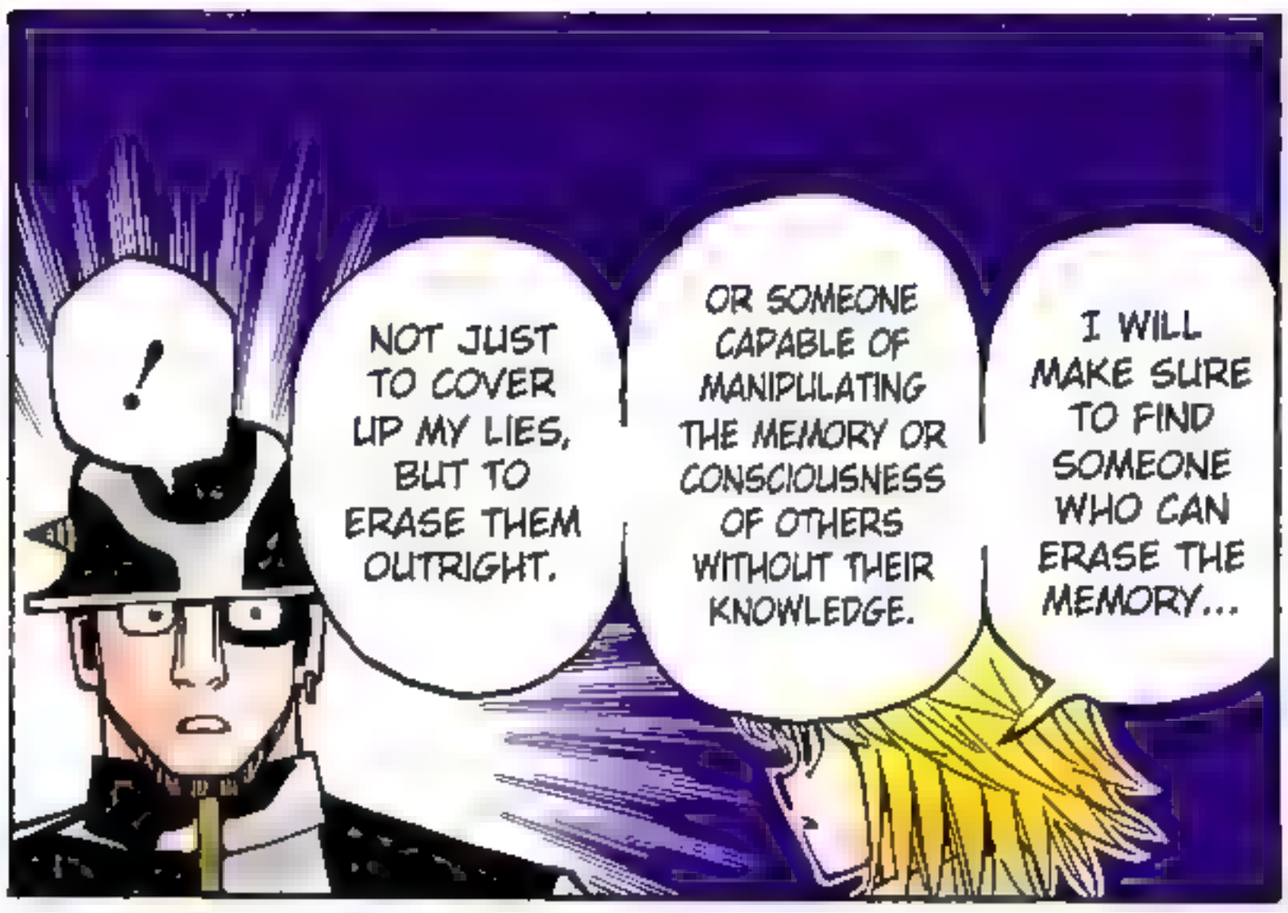


A POWER WHICH MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO DETECT A LIAR REGARDLESS OF THE DEGREE OF HIS CAPACITY TO DECEIVE OTHERS.

BUT IT'S...

OTHERWISE WE WOULD HAVE TO MEET THE TARGET DIRECTLY.

BUT THE ACCURACY PROBABLY NEEDS TO INCREASE WHEN I USE "**EMPEROR TIME**", WHICH ALLOWS ME TO PERFORM ANALYZES THROUGH THE SCREEN.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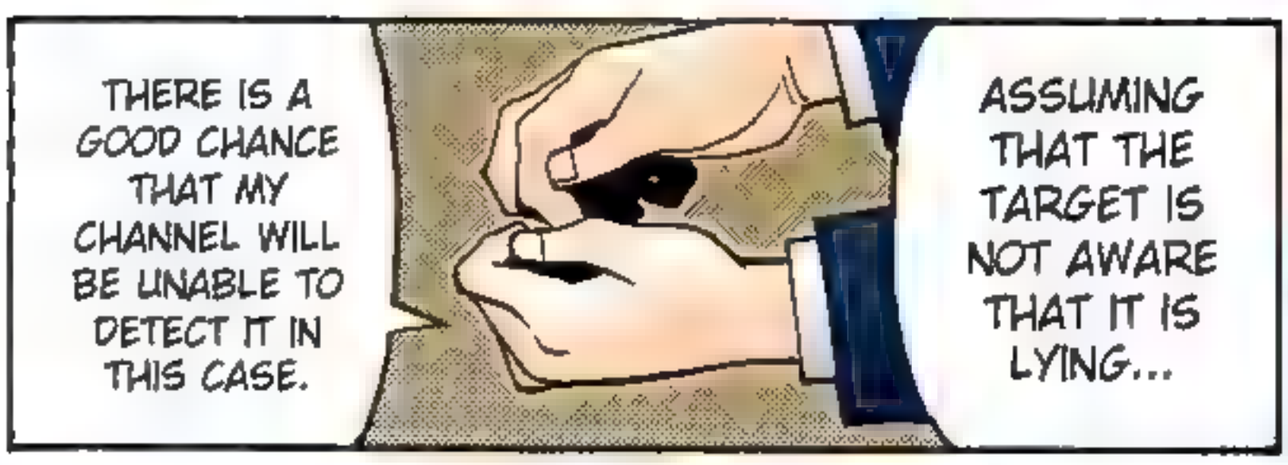
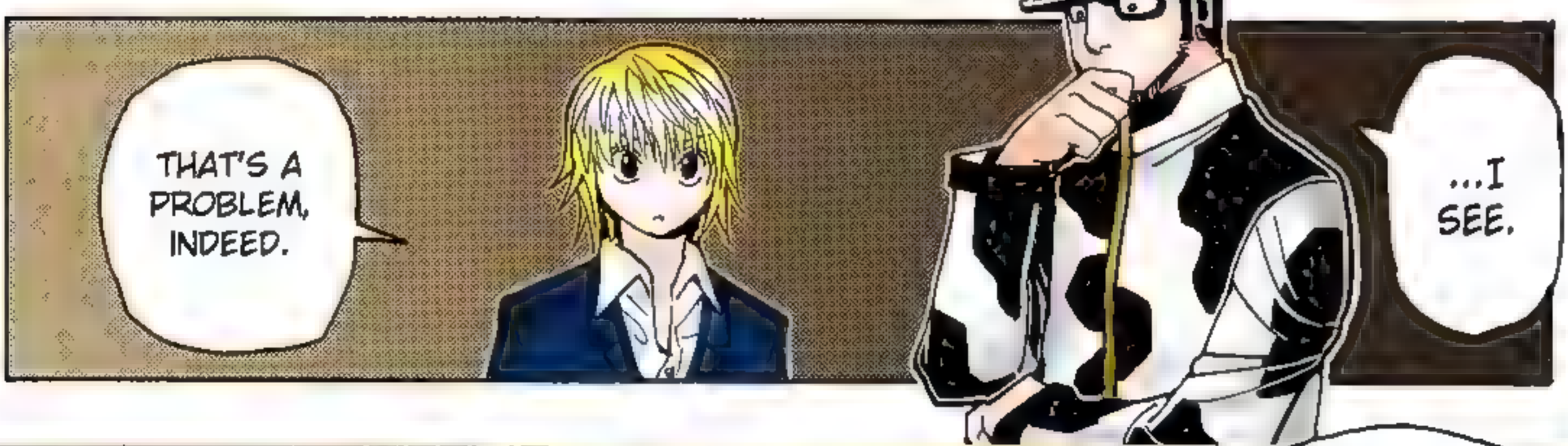
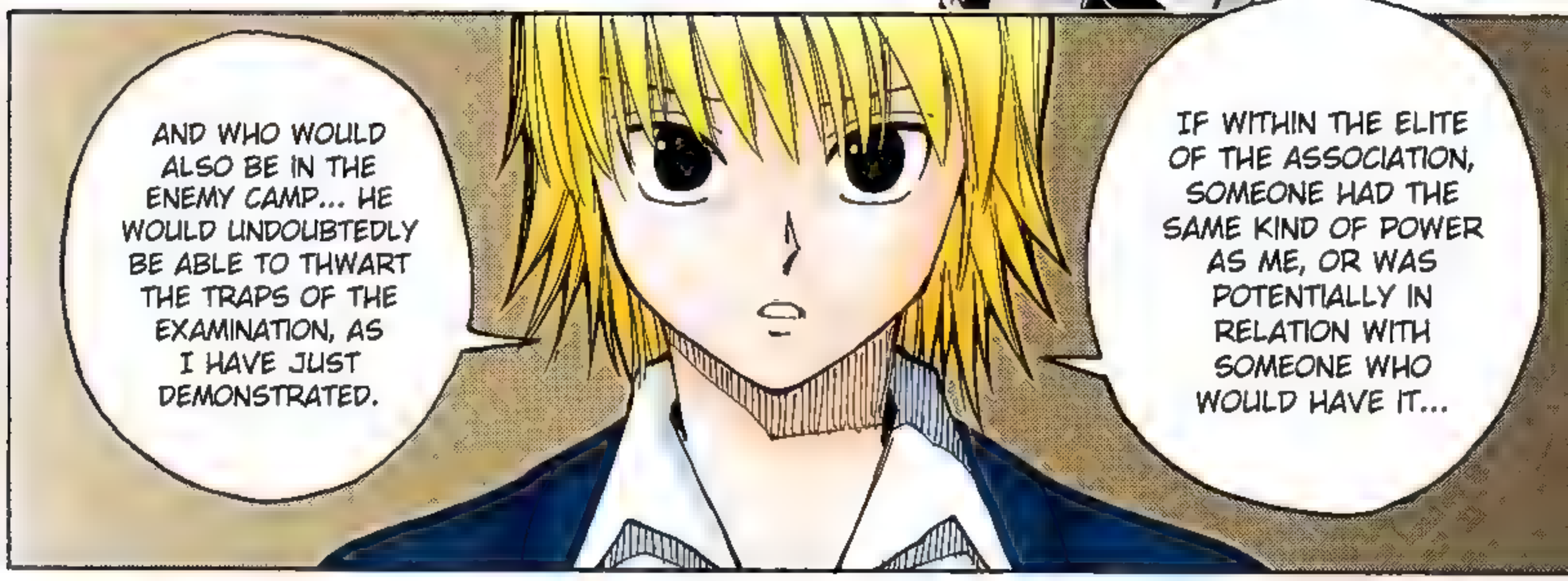
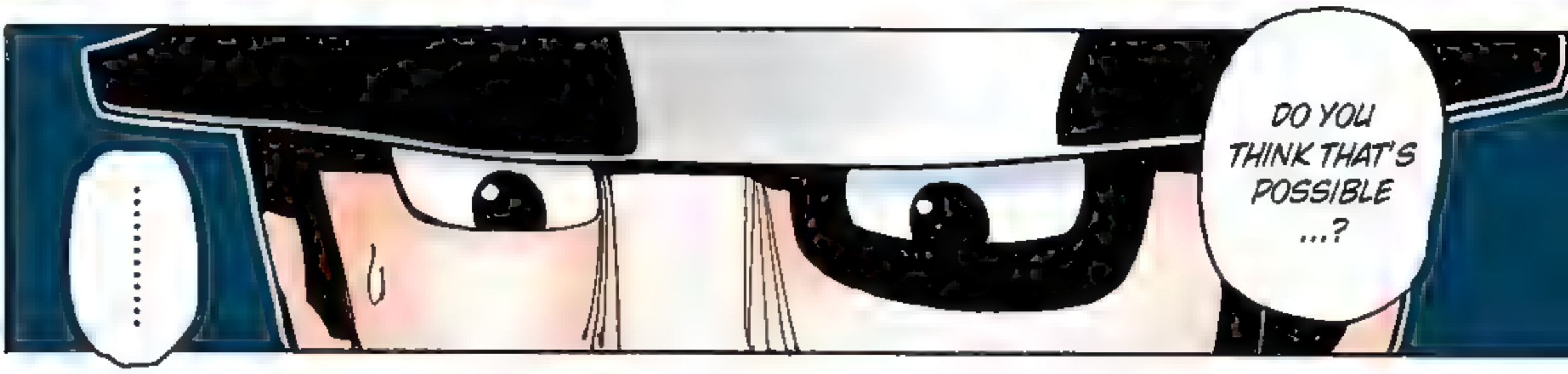
NOT JUST TO COVER UP MY LIES, BUT TO ERASE THEM OUTRIGHT.
OR SOMEONE CAPABLE OF MANIPULATING THE MEMORY OR CONSCIOUSNESS OF OTHERS WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE.
I WILL MAKE SURE TO FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN ERASE THE MEMORY...

AND THAT I WANTED TO MISLEAD SOMEONE WHO HAS THE SAME ABILITY AS ME...
WELL IF I WAS A SPY...
THAT'S PERFECT, WHERE IS THE PROBLEM?


THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT MY CHANNEL WILL BE UNABLE TO DETECT IT IN THIS CASE.
ASSUMING THAT THE TARGET IS NOT AWARE THAT IT IS LYING...


THAT'S A PROBLEM, INDEED.
...I SEE.


AND WHO WOULD ALSO BE IN THE ENEMY CAMP... HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ABLE TO THWART THE TRAPS OF THE EXAMINATION, AS I HAVE JUST DEMONSTRATED.
IF WITHIN THE ELITE OF THE ASSOCIATION, SOMEONE HAD THE SAME KIND OF POWER AS ME, OR WAS POTENTIALLY IN RELATION WITH SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE IT...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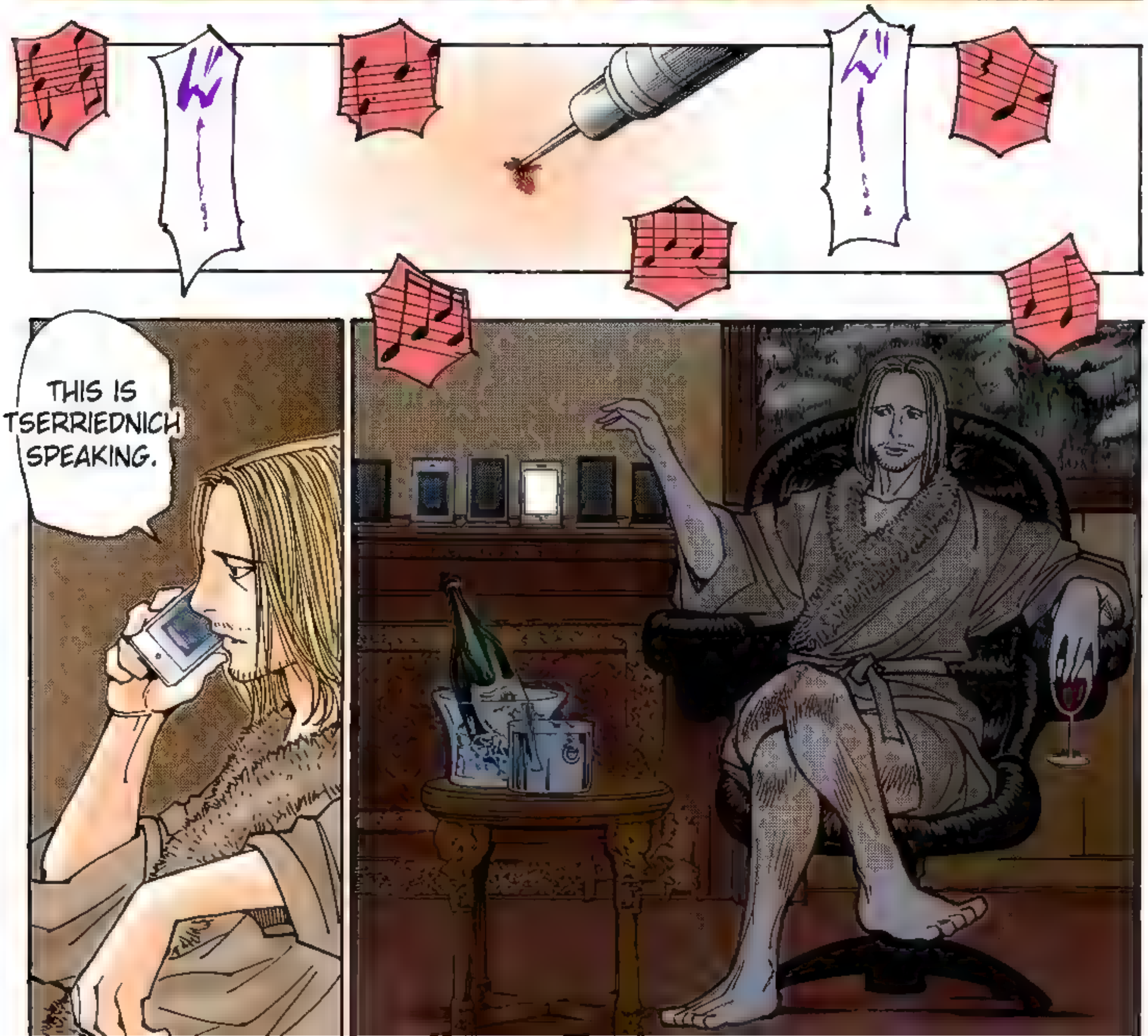
DO YOU THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE ...?


THIS IS TSERRIEDNICH SPEAKING.

OH REALLY?

FATHER AGREED.

"THE ONLY ONE AMONG YOU WHO WILL COME BACK ALIVE FROM THIS EXPEDITION WILL BE CROWNED KING" HE SAID.

YES... AND HE WAS FORMAL.

AT LAST ...

I THANK YOU.

OHH ...

GOD.

YOU CAN START TO SHUDDER BENJAMIN, IT IS I WHO WILL BE KING.

HERE I CAN FINALLY GET RID OF ALL THIS GARBAGE ROTTEN TO THE CORE, WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST QUALM.

HEHE-HEHE.

DID YOU WARN THE OTHERS?

NO, I'M LUCID, IT'S JUST EUPHORIA.

NO, BUT YOU'RE RAMBLING, DID YOU SMOKE OR WHAT?

NO, DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN WIN?

YOU ARE THE FIRST TO WHOM I TOLD IT TO.

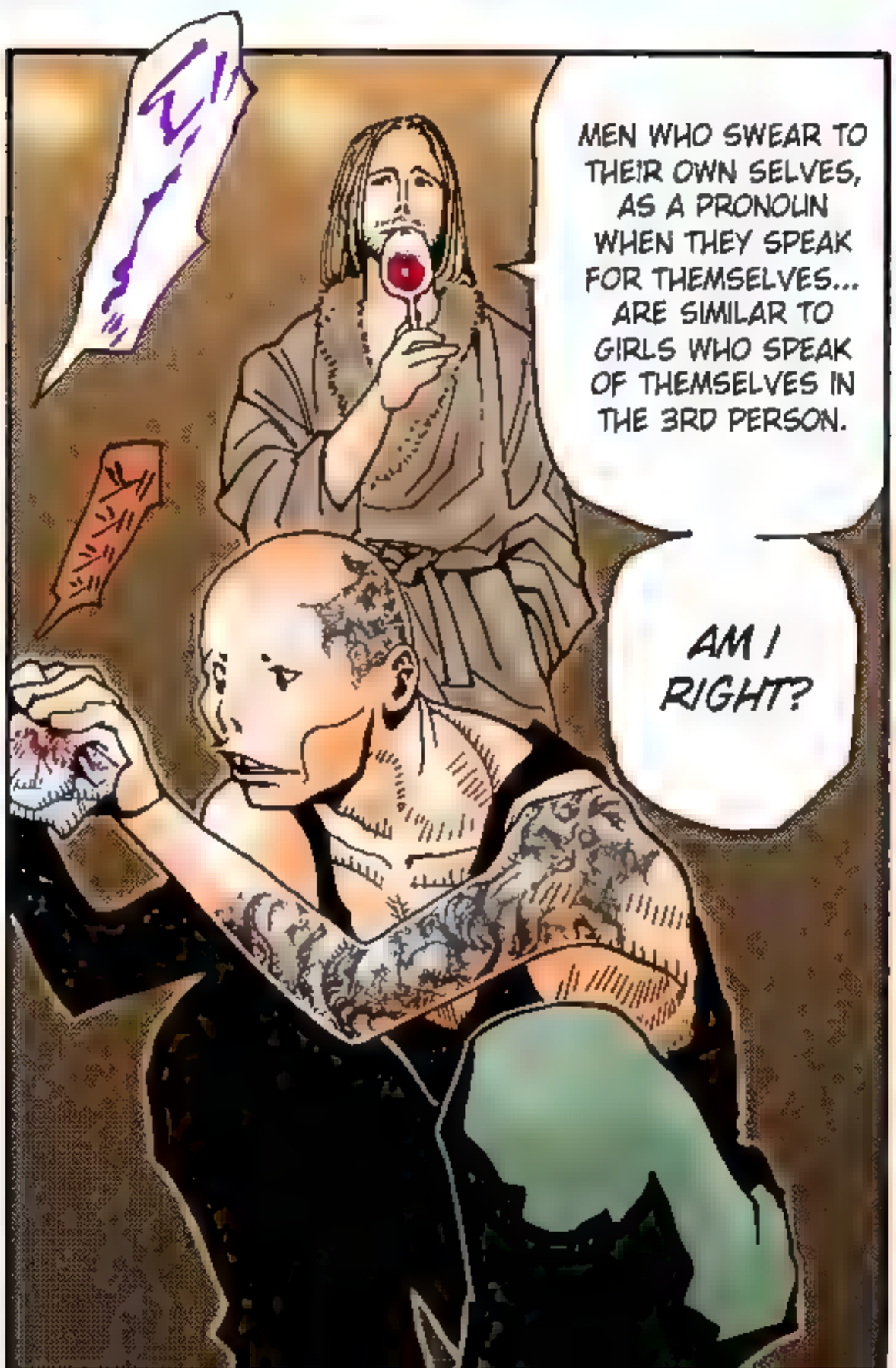
ONE OF FATHER'S MESSENGERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING THE OTHERS.

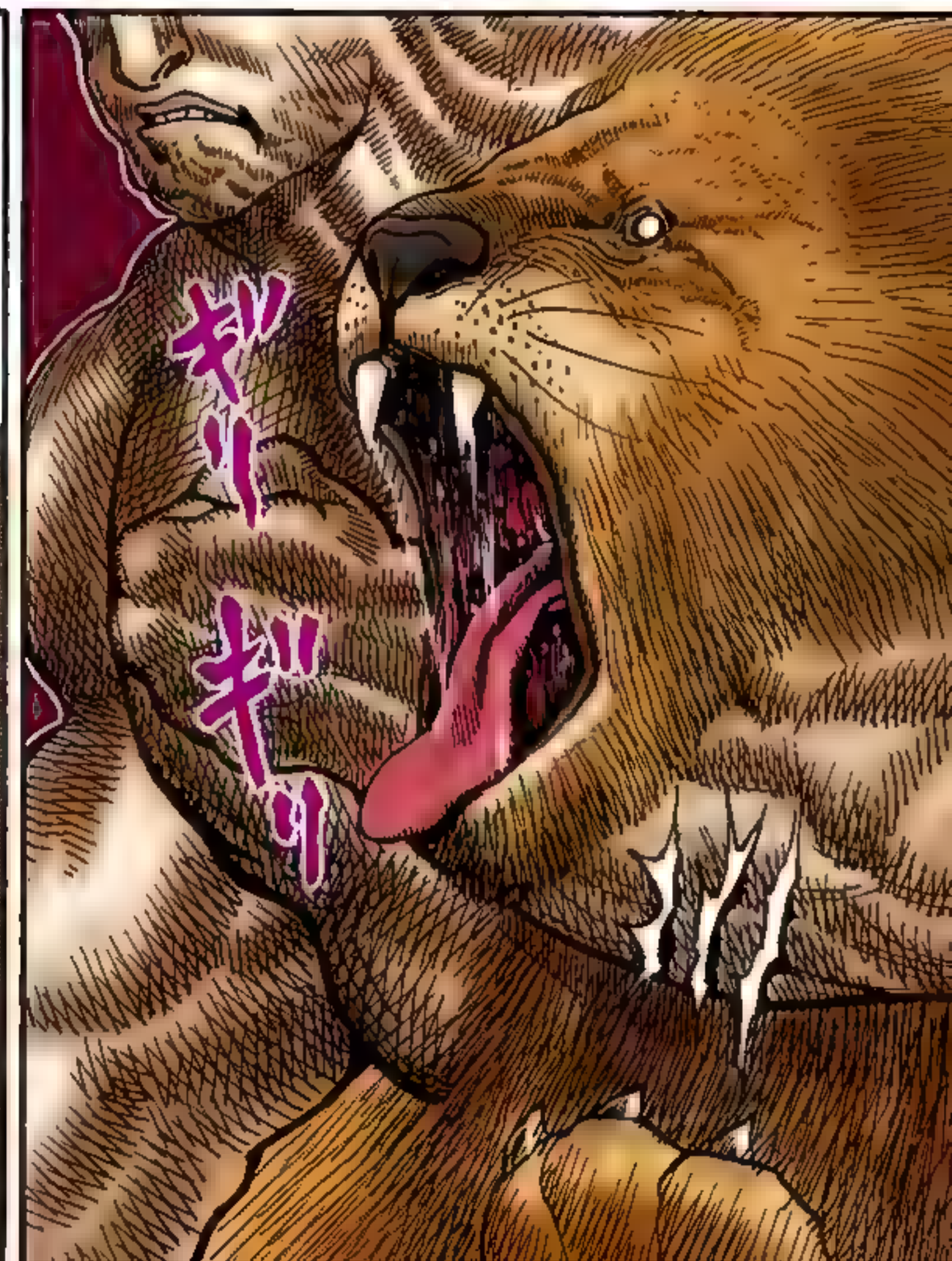
MOM, I'M PARALYZED WITH FEAR. WELL DON'T CALL ME ANYMORE, OK? ***LATER MAN.***

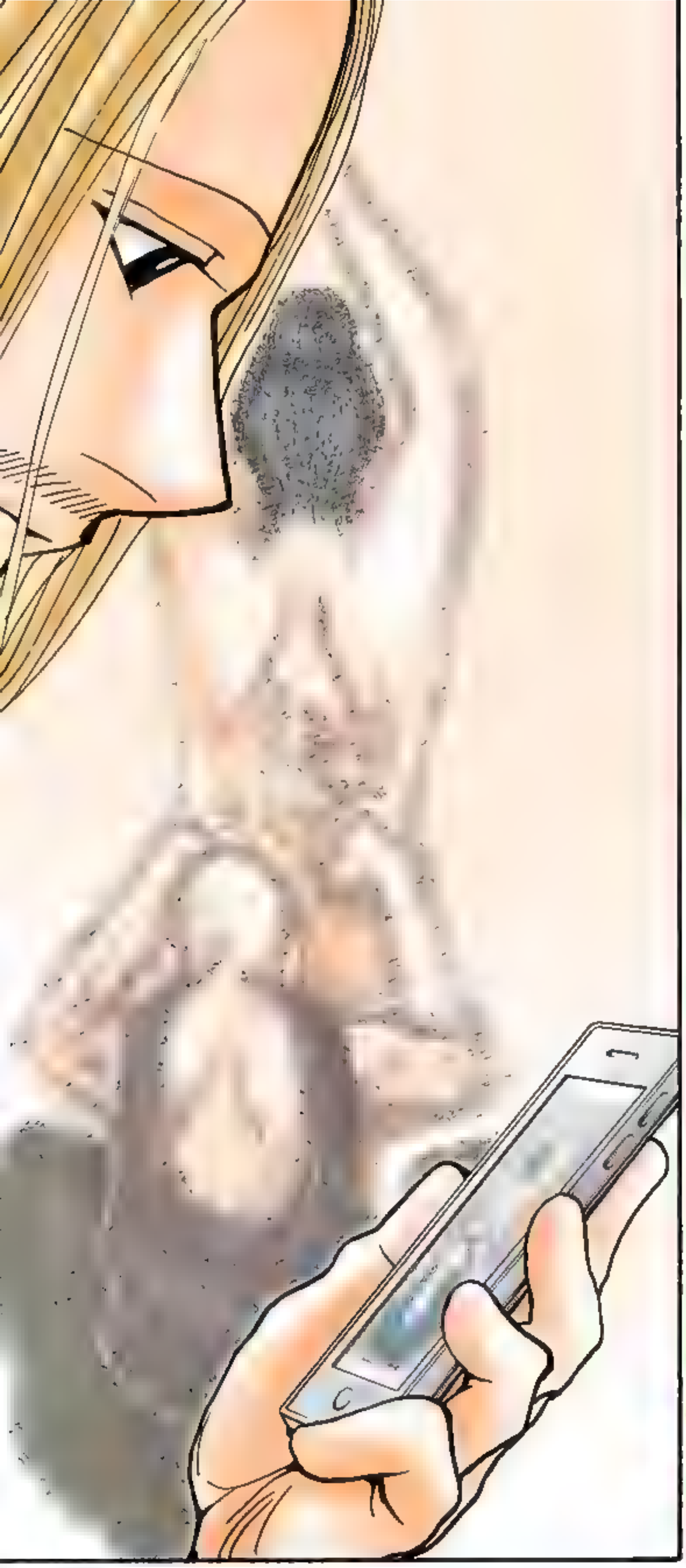
OH I'M SCARED !!!

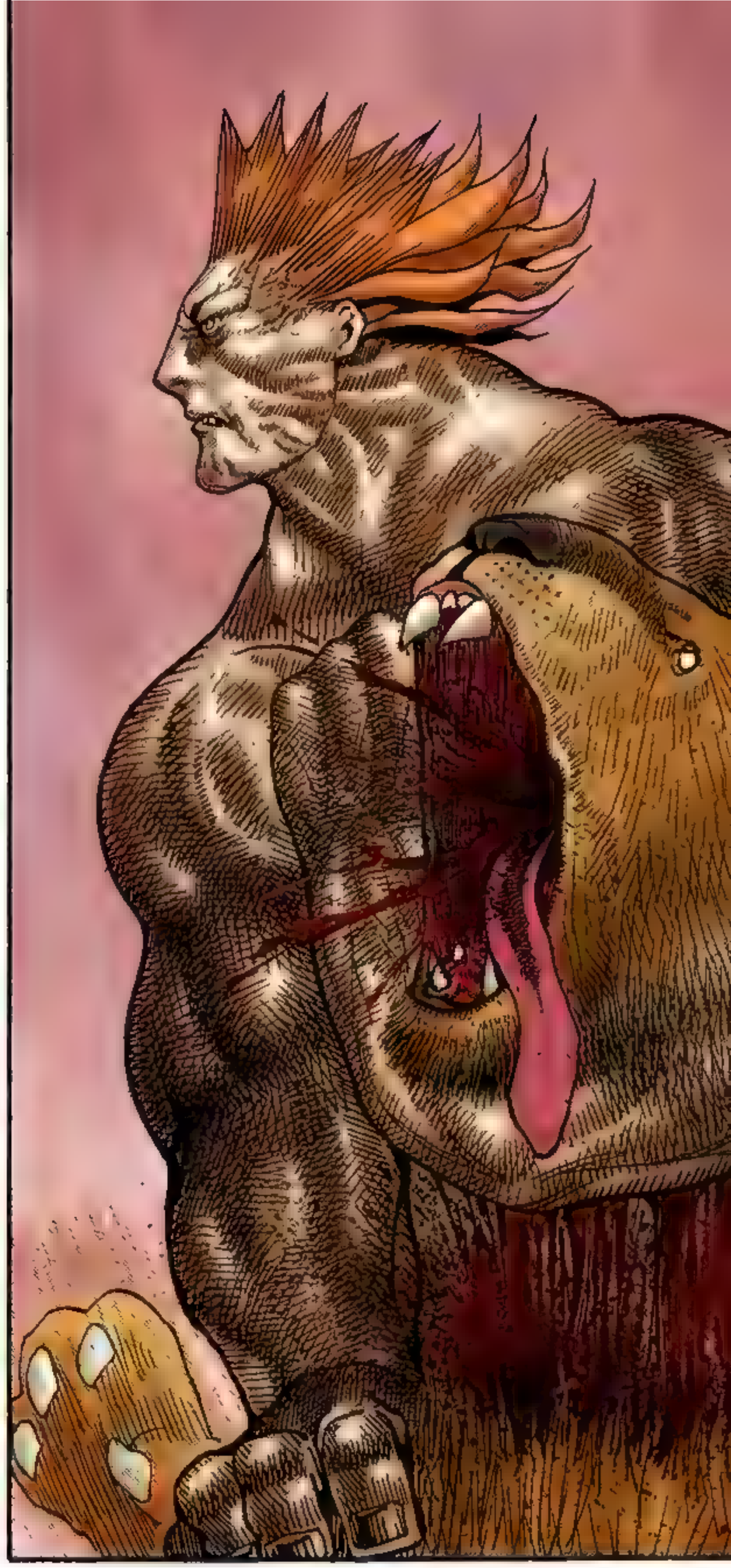
I'LL BREAK YOUR BONES ONE BY ONE.

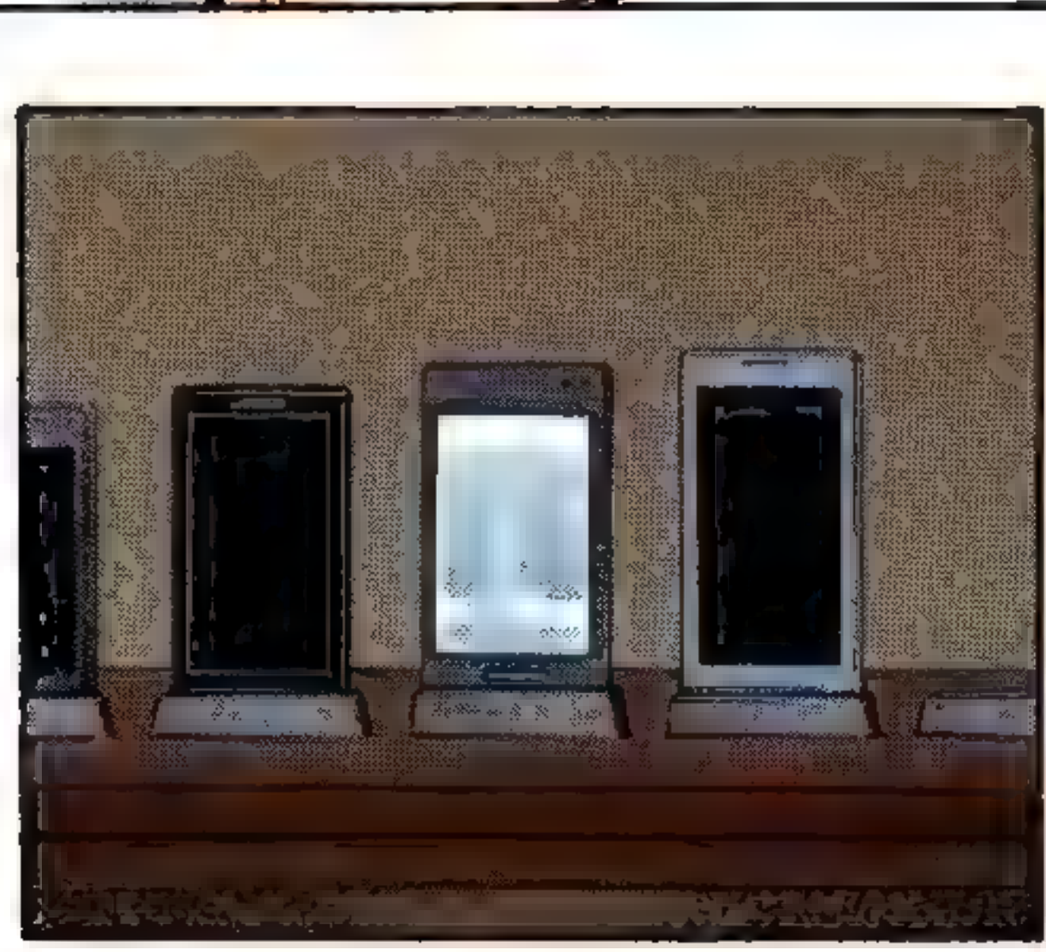
AS IT IS I WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU PERSONALLY ...

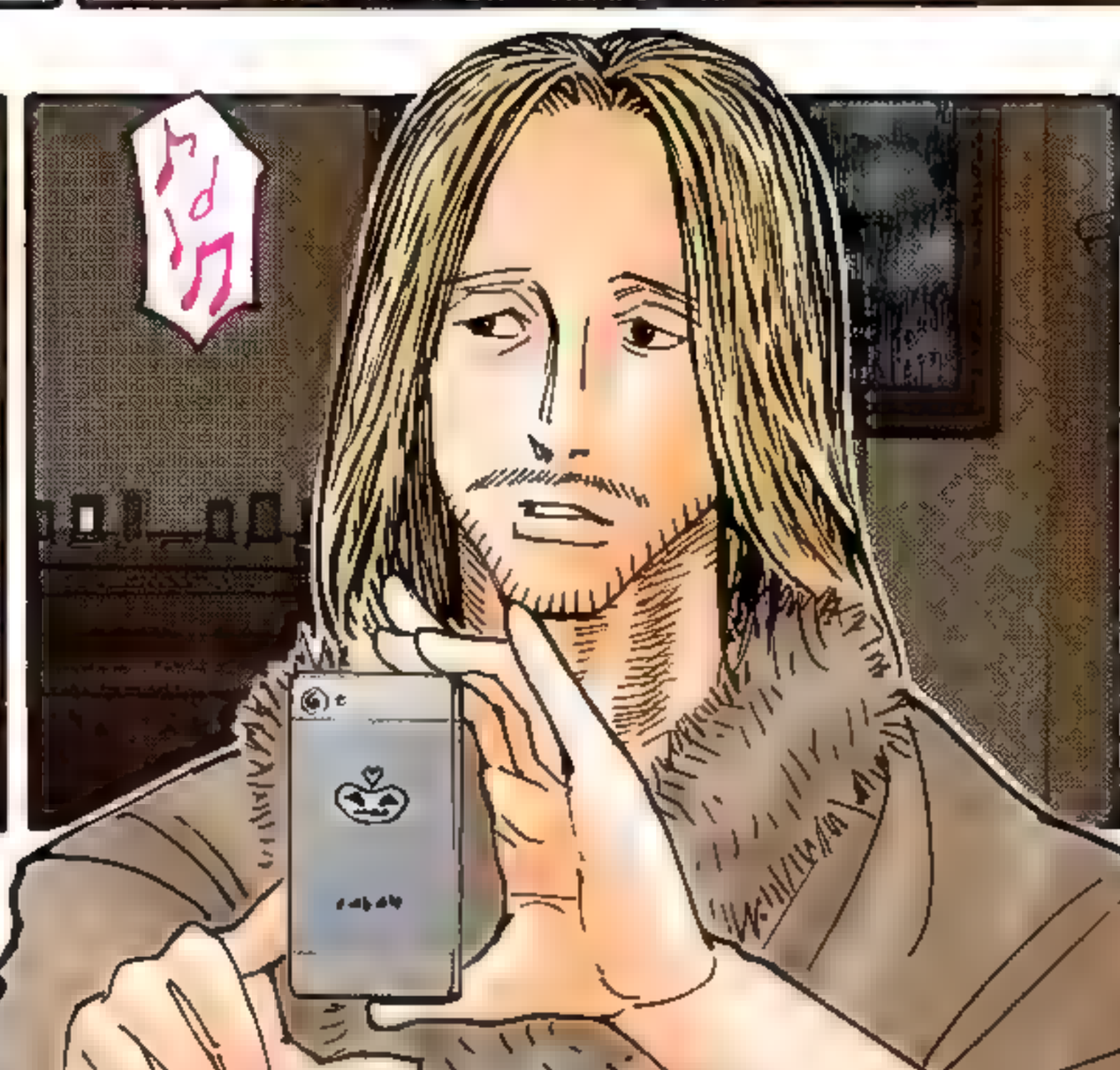












THEY EVEN DECIDED THAT 15 STAFF MEMBERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THE PRINCES FOR THIS EXPEDITION.

IT SEEMED TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED, AS IF THE ASSOCIATION HAD ANTICIPATED COOPERATION.

5 HAVE PASSED THE EXAMS, WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

HEY THETA.

HOW'S IT GOING?

THOUGHT SO.

OF COURSE, IT'S AS BIG AS A HOUSE, YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE AN IDIOT NOT TO NOTICE IT.

OTHER PRINCES SHARE THIS OPINION.

ESPECIALLY FOR BROTHERS WHO WILL SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS ABOARD THE SAME SHIP WHEN THEY DO NOT GET ALONG.

BETTER TO RELY ON TRUSTED ALLIES.

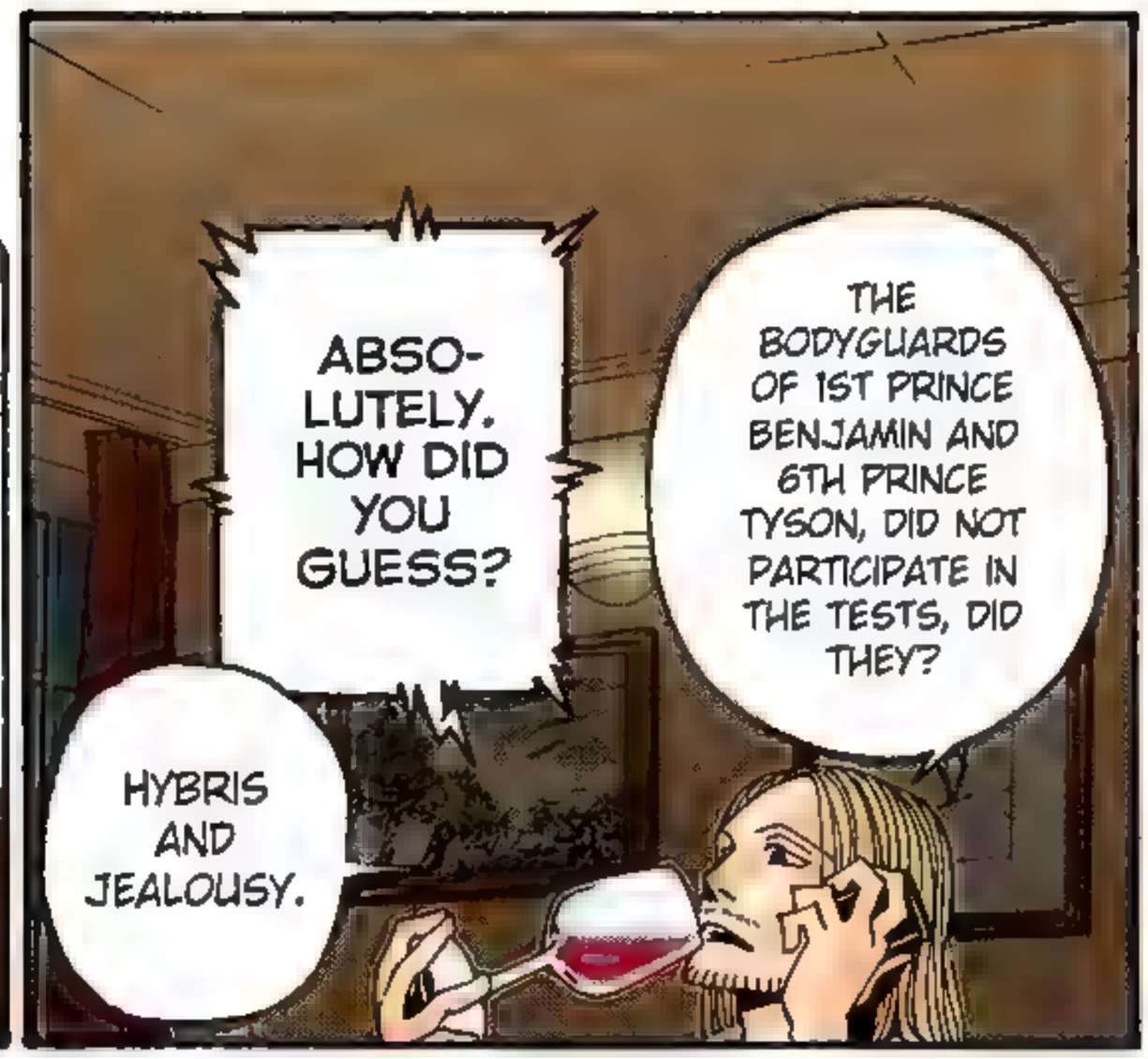
THEY PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE FILTERING EQUIPMENT.

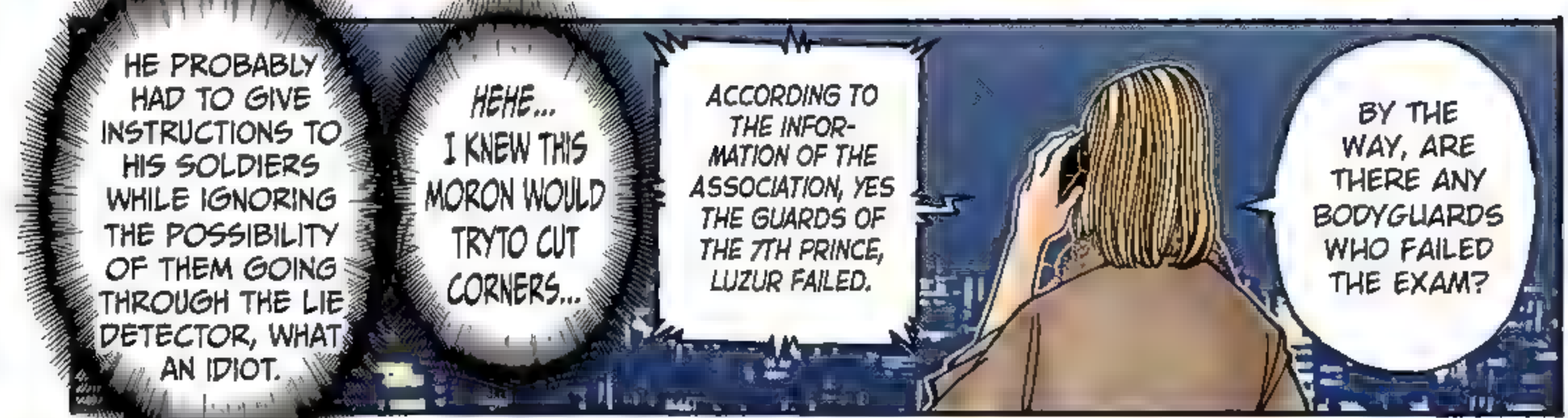
HOWEVER, THERE IS A SMALL PROBLEM.

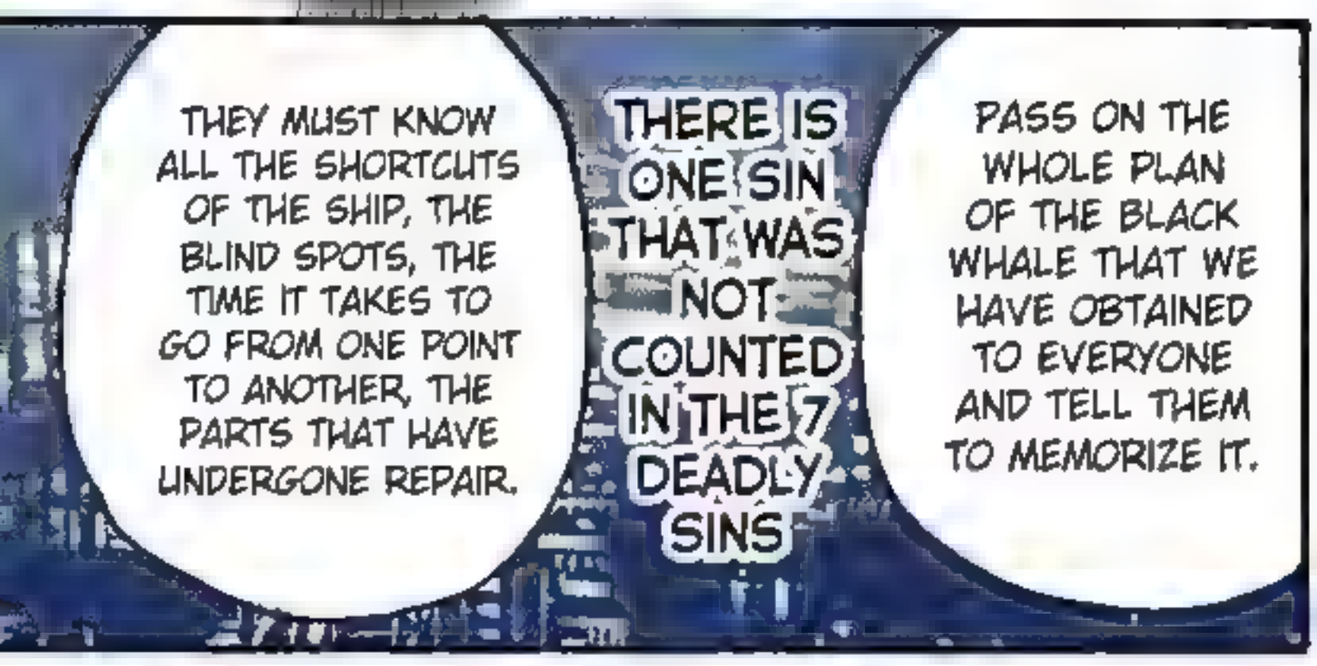
IN ADDITION, THE ASSIGNED PERSONNEL WERE BRIEFED ON THE RIVALRY BETWEEN THE PRINCES OVER SUCCESSION.

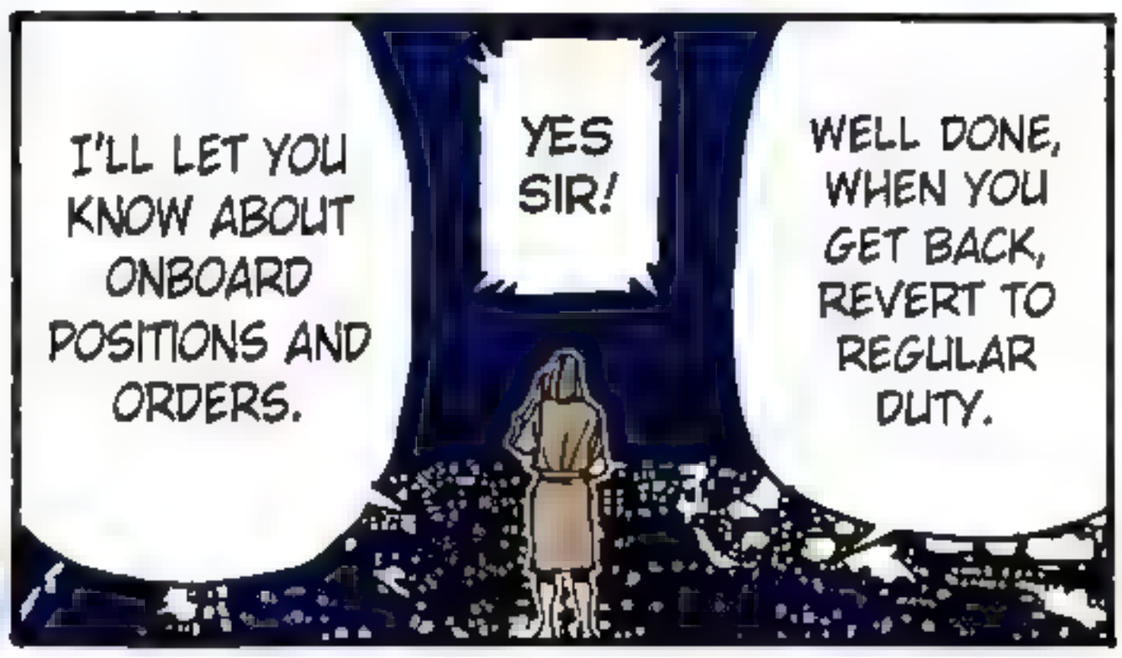
I HAVE RECEIVED A WARNING FROM THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH STATES THAT ANYONE WHO LIES OR CONCEALS SOMETHING, DURING THE INTERROGATION OF THE ASSOCIATION, WILL BE EXCLUDED.

GOOD JOB, NO PROBLEM.









NONE OF THESE SCRAPINGS WILL BE KING IN MY PLACE! THERE IS NO QUESTION !!

AND IT IS IGNORANCE !! THE GREATEST SINNERS ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEIR LIMITS.

THAT IT IS POSSIBLE.

I DO NOT THINK SO...

WITHIN THE ZODIAC NOBODY, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, HAS A COMPETENCE OF THIS ILK.

THESE ARE JUST SPECULATIONS, NOTHING CONCRETE BUT...

HMM ...

WHAT MAKES YOU BELIEVE THAT?

MEMBERS TENDED TO ASSOCIATE WITH THOSE FROM THE SAME CAMP AS THEM, DURING ORDINARY MISSIONS.

INITIALLY, THE ZODIAC WAS DIVIDED INTO 3 CAMPS.

WE'LL BE FIXED SOON ENOUGH.

HOW-EVER.

OF COURSE, I DO NOT KNOW THE INS AND OUTS OF THE POWERS OF EACH.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I DO NOT KNOW THE POWER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OTHER CAMPS.

EXCEPTION

EXTREME LEFT PATRIOT (INCOMPREHENSIBLE)

PROPONENTS FOR REFORM, HAWKS

EXCEPTION

VOLATILE IDIOT (IDIOT)

I KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THE POWERS OF THE MEMBERS OF MY CAMP.

LIBERAL AND POLITICAL

PRIOTIRIZE BALANCE AND MODERATE CONSERVATIVE

THEY ALL AGREED TO LEND A HELPING HAND.

INFORMATION

IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR COOPERATION, WE ARE ALL REQUIRED TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CAPABILITIES.

NEVERTHELESS, WE HAD TO OPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS MISSION, A RESTRUCTURING OF THE CAMPS ACCORDING TO THE SKILLS OF EACH.

FLORA/FAUNA

SCIENCE

DEFENSE

NO, LEORIO EXPLAINED EVERYTHING TO ME.

NO.

YOU WANT ME TO SUBMIT TO IT TOO?

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THAT'S WHY, THEY DON'T MIND LETTING EVERYONE KNOW AND IT ALSO ALLOWS THEM TO SHOW OFF.

I THINK EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS MISSION.

NO WORRIES...THANK YOU FOR BEING UNDERSTANDING TOWARDS ME.

IN RETURN, THAT ALSO MEANS THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REVEAL ANYTHING TO YOU CONCERNING THE CAPACITIES OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ZODIAC, I AM SORRY.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ASKING FOR EXPLANATIONS AS TO YOUR ABILITIES, OR REVEALING WHAT YOU TOLD ME TO ANYONE.

...TO COME BACK TO MY ASSUM-PTIONS.

AS WE ARE ALL WILLING TO SHARE OUR ABILITIES WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS, I CAN DEDUCE THAT NO ONE WITHIN THE ZODIAC HAS, A PRIORI, THIS KIND OF ABILITY.

...BUT I'M RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT LEOLIO IS HERE.

IF I HAD COME HERE ON MY OWN, THINGS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TAKEN ON A DIFFERENT PROPORTION.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU.

WHAT?

YES IT'S POSSIBLE.

ESPECIALLY IF THIS MEMBER IN QUESTION IS WORKING FOR AN AGENCY OTHER THAN THE ASSOCIATION.

COULD WE CONSIDER THAT THIS SKILL WAS USED ONLY FOR TOP SECRET MISSIONS?

FOR HAVING SIFTED THROUGH THE PAST OF EACH MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND ANALYZED INFORMATION CONCERNING SECRET MISSIONS, AND INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS, THEIR RATE AND FREQUENCIES.

AFTER KNOWING, IF THEY ARE IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER PEOPLE HAVING THIS KIND OF CAPACITY, I WOULD SAY THAT IT IS UNLIKELY.

IF THERE IS INDEED A TRAITOR AMONG US, WE CAN ASSUME THAT THIS PERSON HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS, HERE, SOMEONE CAPABLE OF DETECTING LIES.

BUT THE TEST RESULTS SEEM TO INDICATE THE OPPOSITE.

NOTHING IN THE INFORMATION COLLECTED, ALLOWS TO ESTABLISH THAT THEY WOULD POTENTIALLY KNOW SOMEONE WHO CORRESPONDS TO HIS CRITERIA.

IT'S REALLY WEIRD THAT THESE TWO FAILED THE EXAMS.

YUNDE, THE BIOCHEMIST.

...THE MERCENARY MUHER...

BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY ...

I HAVE THE UNPLEASANT FEELING...

MAYBE THEY WERE SENT AS BAIT, TO DECEIVE OUR VIGILANCE AND COVER THE PRESENCE OF ANOTHER SPY.

A PERSON OF HIS LEVEL, WHO PASSES THIS KIND OF TEST MUST CERTAINLY ANTICIPATE THESE KINDS OF TESTS AND TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES, IF HE HAD THESE KINDS OF CAPACITIES, NO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD HAVE EXPLOITED THEM.

ANYTHING COULD BE POSSIBLE...

ESPECIALLY YUNDE, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE SCIENTIFIC AND BIOLOGICAL UNITS.

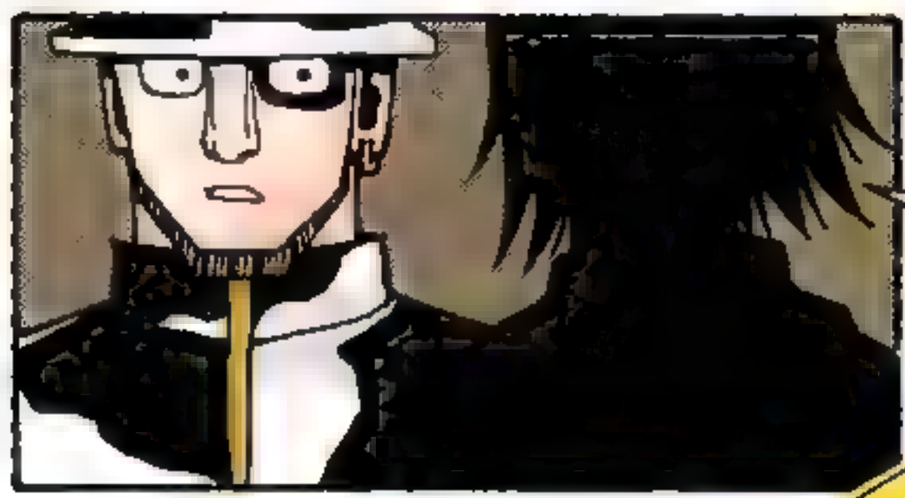
THESE TWO MEN ARE EXTREMELY TALENTED.

WHEN IT FAILED THE 1ST TEST, I EVEN BELIEVED THAT THE MACHINE WAS BROKEN.

IS THAT HE KNEW THAT THERE WAS STILL ONE OF HIS PAWNS INSIDE.

THIS IS THE HYPOTHESIS I DREAD THE MOST.

THAT IF PARISTON HASTENED, BARELY ELECTED, TO LEAVE THE ZODIAC...



I CAN ANALYZE THEM IN SECRET.

I SEE.

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YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...

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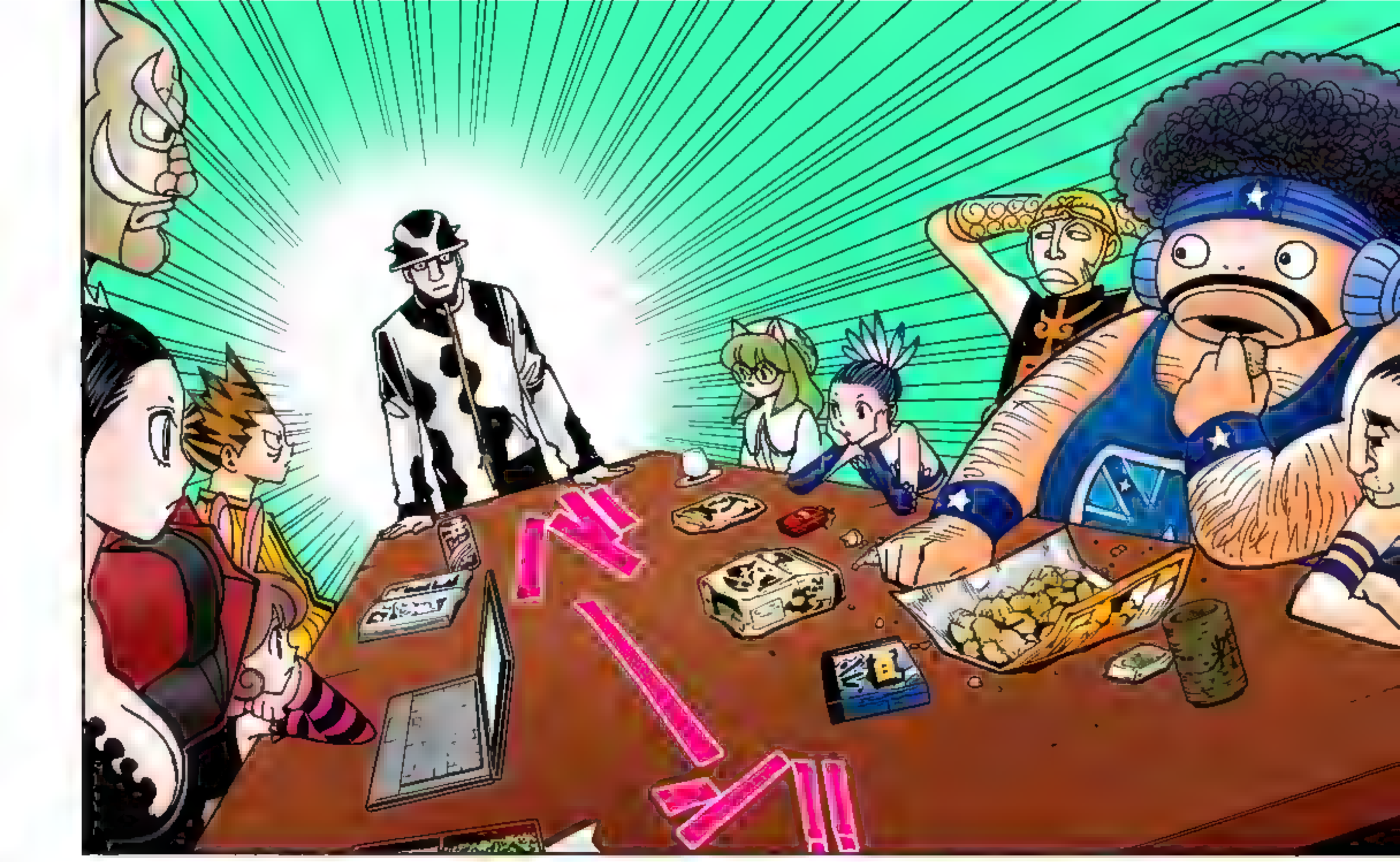
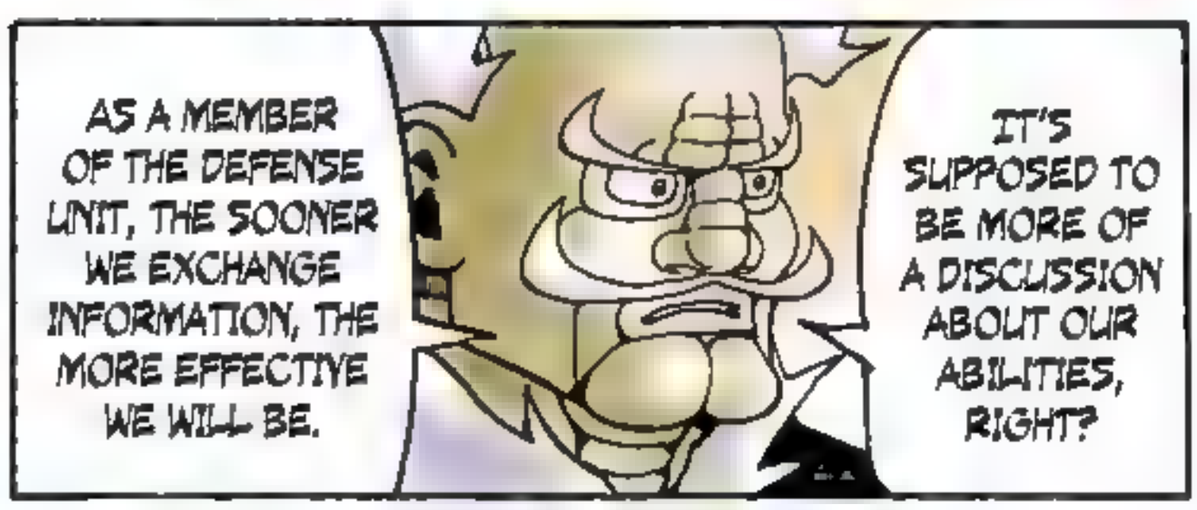
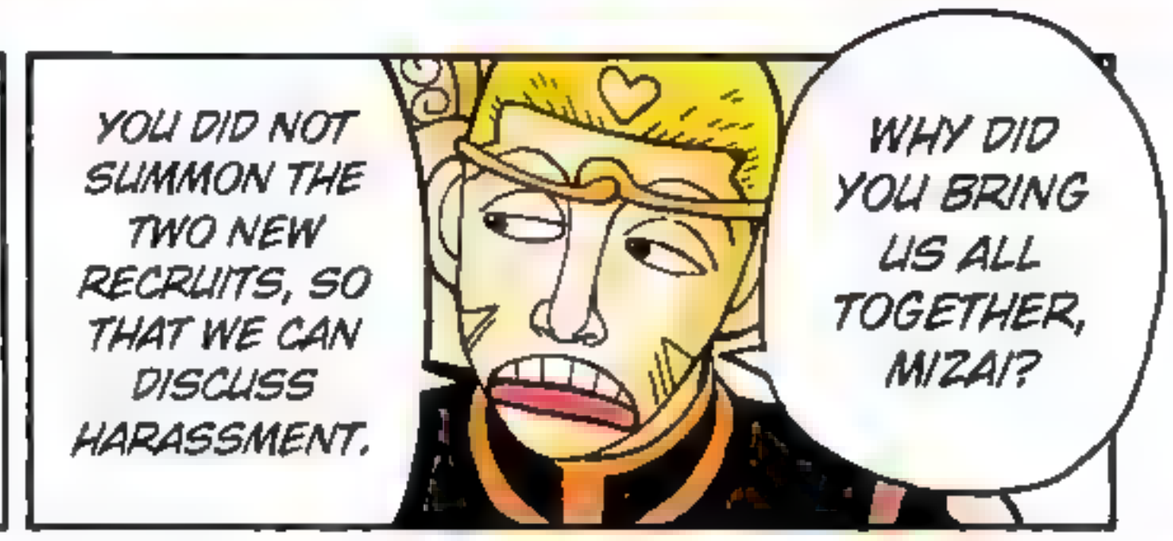
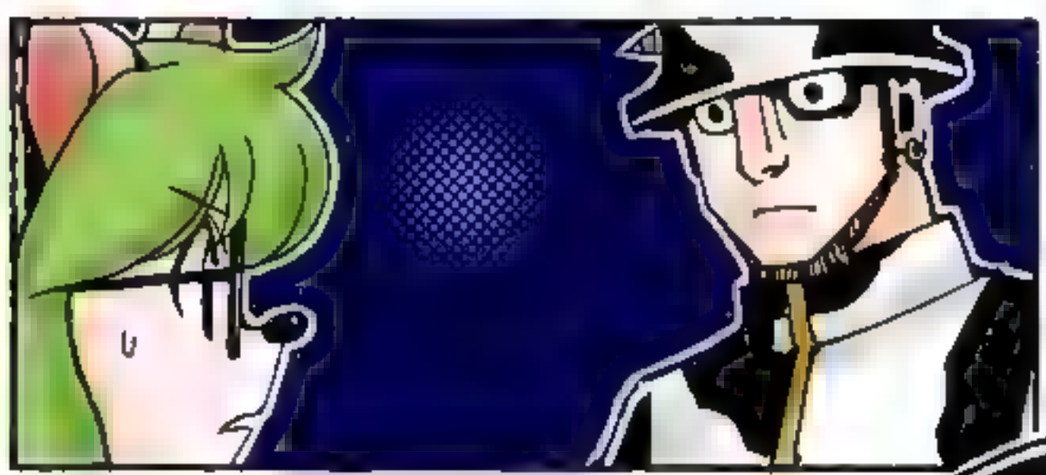
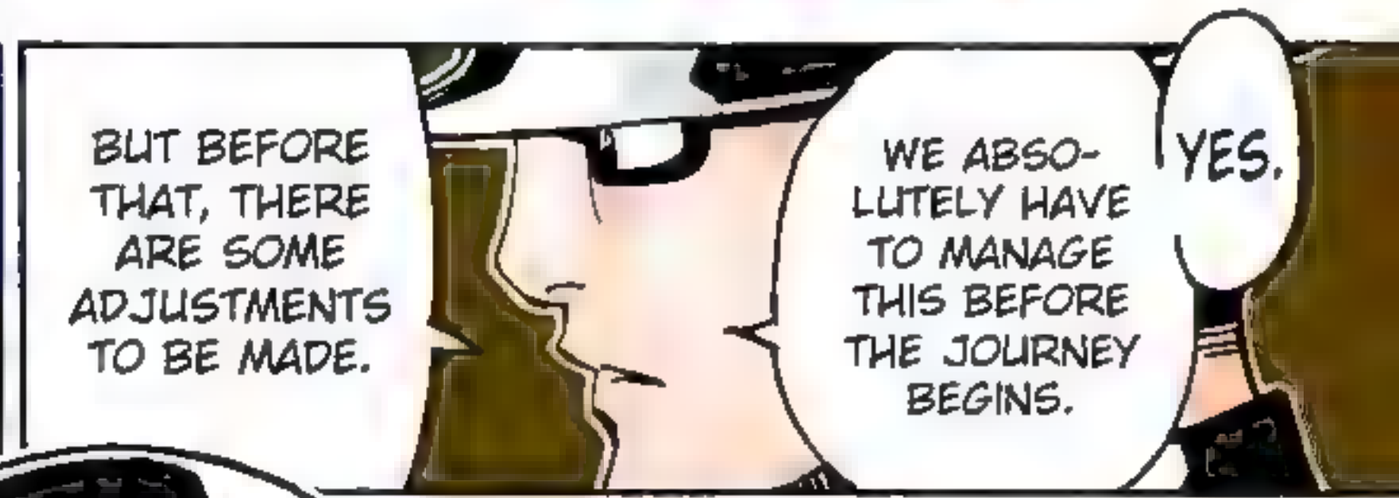



AS A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE UNIT, THE SOONER WE EXCHANGE INFORMATION, THE MORE EFFECTIVE WE WILL BE.
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE MORE OF A DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR ABILITIES, RIGHT?


YOU DID NOT SUMMON THE TWO NEW RECRUITS, SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS HARASSMENT.
WHY DID YOU BRING US ALL TOGETHER, MIZAI?




BUT BEFORE THAT, THERE ARE SOME ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE.
WE ABSO-LUTELY HAVE TO MANAGE THIS BEFORE THE JOURNEY BEGINS.
YES.

KNOWING THIS, WOULD YOU STILL BE READY TO DISCLOSE YOUR *ABILITIES?*
THERE MAY BE AN *ALLY* OF BEYOND AMONG US.

MIZAI!!!
YOU'RE SERIOUS, AREN'T YOU?!
HEY!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT!?
EH ...?
...WHAT? BUT WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, NONE OF US COULD ...
WHAT I MEAN IS THAT ALL SCENARIOS COULD BE POSSIBLE.
IT'S MORE, LET'S SAY, AN ORDER OF CIRCUMSTANCES, THAN A BETRAYAL OR WHATEVER.
THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU, WOULD YOU ALWAYS BE READY TO REVEAL YOUR ABILITIES?
I THINK IT WOULD HAVE MADE ME HAPPY TO HELP HIM ON HIS JOURNEY.
IF... I HAD MET BEYOND, BEFORE KNOWING THE WILL EXPRESSED BY THE FORMER PRESIDENT.
AND EVEN IF I HAD SEEN THE PRESIDENT'S VIDEO AFTER THE FACT, I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED MY MIND.
KANGAI

BECAUSE I TOO WILL REVEAL MY ABILITY!!!

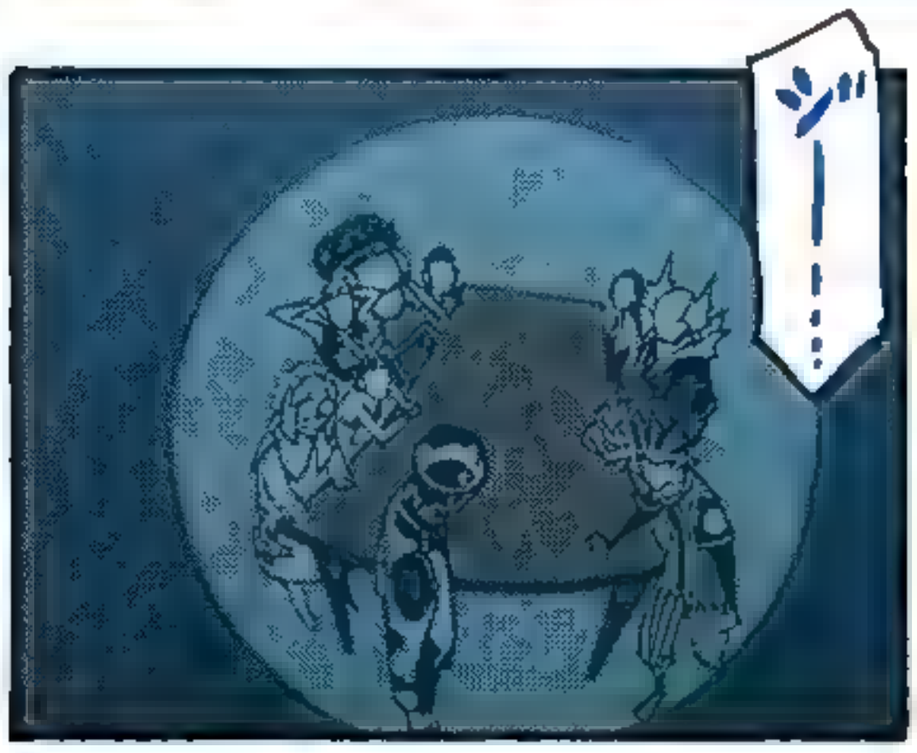
THAT'S MY ABILITY.

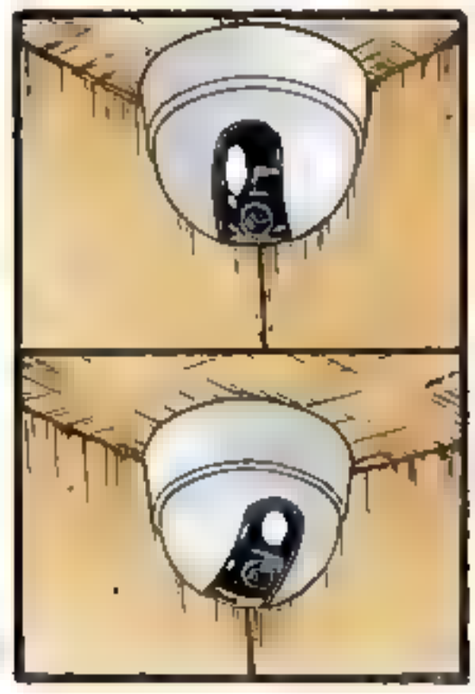
WITH THE YELLOW CARD I CAN SEND IT TO THE COURTROOM. AND WITH THE RED I CAN FREE IT.

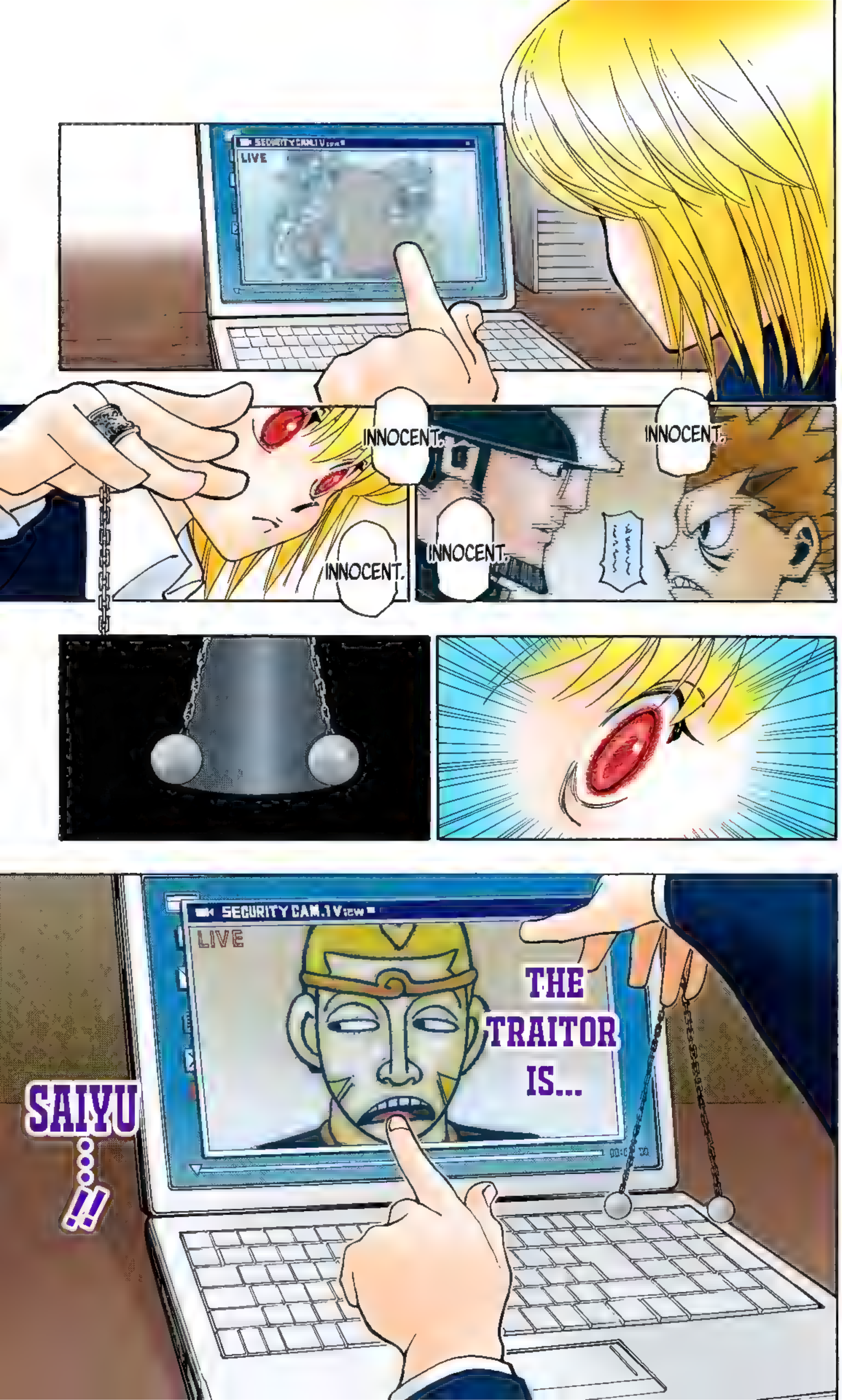
I HAVE 3 COLORED BOXES, I CAN IMMOBILIZE ANYONE WITH THE BLUE CARD, IT'S *"THE CROSS GAME"*.

I'M TALKING ABOUT MY RESOLVE.

I WILL MAKE SURE TO ACCOMPLISH MY MISSION IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN IF THERE IS SOMEONE AMONG YOU WHO ACTS FOR OTHER PURPOSES.



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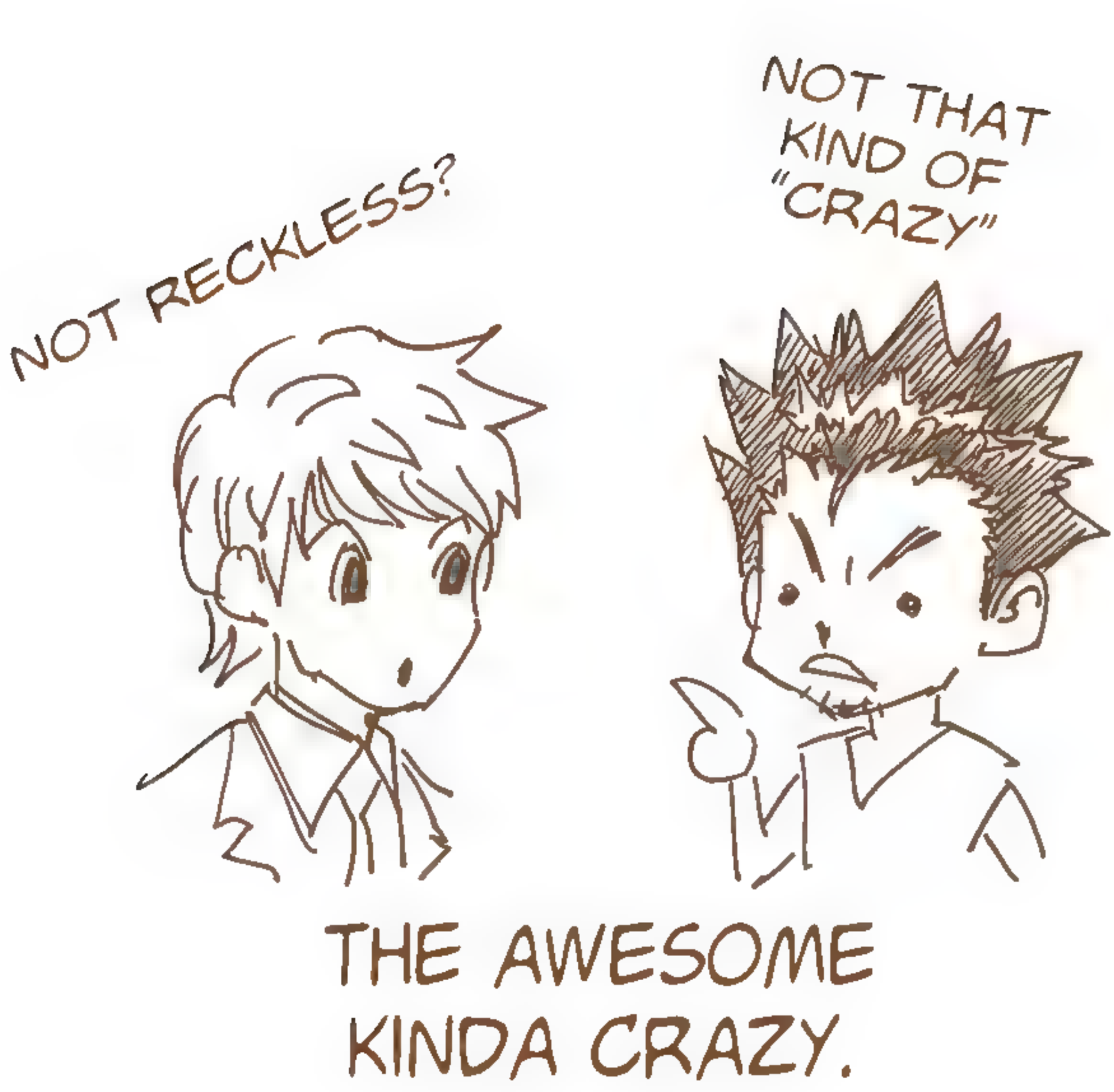
THE TRAITOR IS...
SAIYU.....!!


NOT RECKLESS?
NOT THAT KIND OF "CRAZY"
THE AWESOME KINDA CRAZY.

...WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BLACK WHALE FLOAT CEREMONY.

WHO ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BATTLE OF SUCCESSION ARE THE LEGITIMATE CHILDREN OF NASUBI HUI GUO ROU...

THE ONLY ONES...

HOW MUCH?

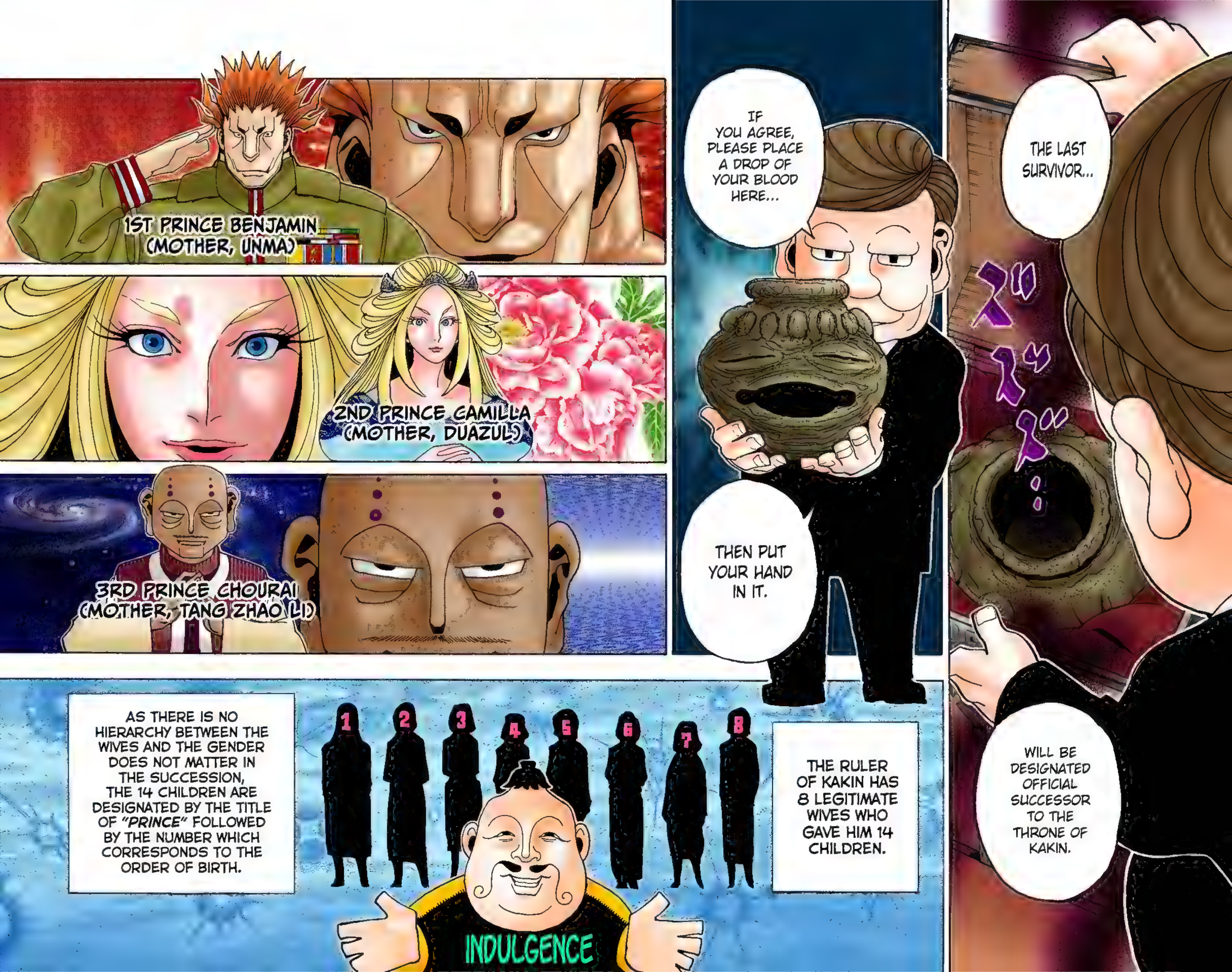
HMM.

SORRY, BUT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LET YOU KNOW UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE THE CEREMONY.

MOREOVER, IF ONE OF YOU WERE TO DISAPPEAR BEFORE SAID CEREMONY, THE BATTLE OF SUCCESSION WOULD BE CANCELED.

AT THAT TIME, YOU WILL BE FREE TO TAKE WHATEVER METHODS YOU WANT FOR YOUR SURVIVAL.

THE BATTLE BETWEEN YOU WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN WHEN THE START OF THE SHIP'S DEPARTURE IS WHISTLED.


1ST PRINCE BENJAMIN
(MOTHER, UNMA)
2ND PRINCE CAMILLA
(MOTHER, DUAZUL)
3RD PRINCE CHOURAI
(MOTHER, TANG ZHAO LI)
IF YOU AGREE, PLEASE PLACE A DROP OF YOUR BLOOD HERE...
THEN PUT YOUR HAND IN IT.
THE LAST SURVIVOR...
WILL BE DESIGNATED OFFICIAL SUCCESSOR TO THE THRONE OF KAKIN.
AS THERE IS NO HIERARCHY BETWEEN THE WIVES AND THE GENDER DOES NOT MATTER IN THE SUCCESSION, THE 14 CHILDREN ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TITLE OF "PRINCE" FOLLOWED BY THE NUMBER WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE ORDER OF BIRTH.
1
2
3
4
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8
THE RULER OF KAKIN HAS 8 LEGITIMATE WIVES WHO GAVE HIM 14 CHILDREN.
INDULGENCE

4TH PRINCE TSERRIEDNICH
(MOTHER, UNMA)

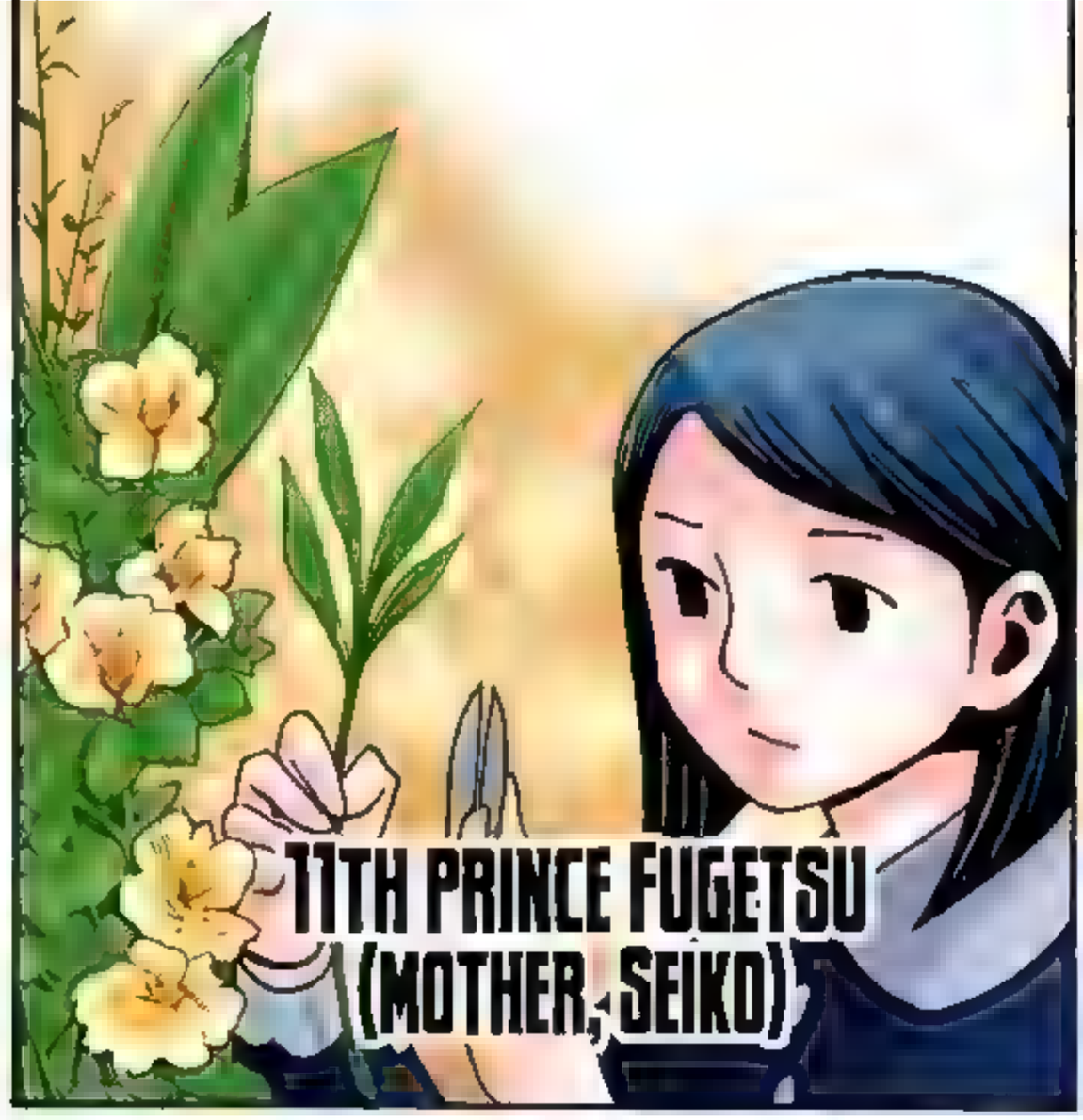
5TH PRINCE TSUBEPPA
(MOTHER, DUAZUL)

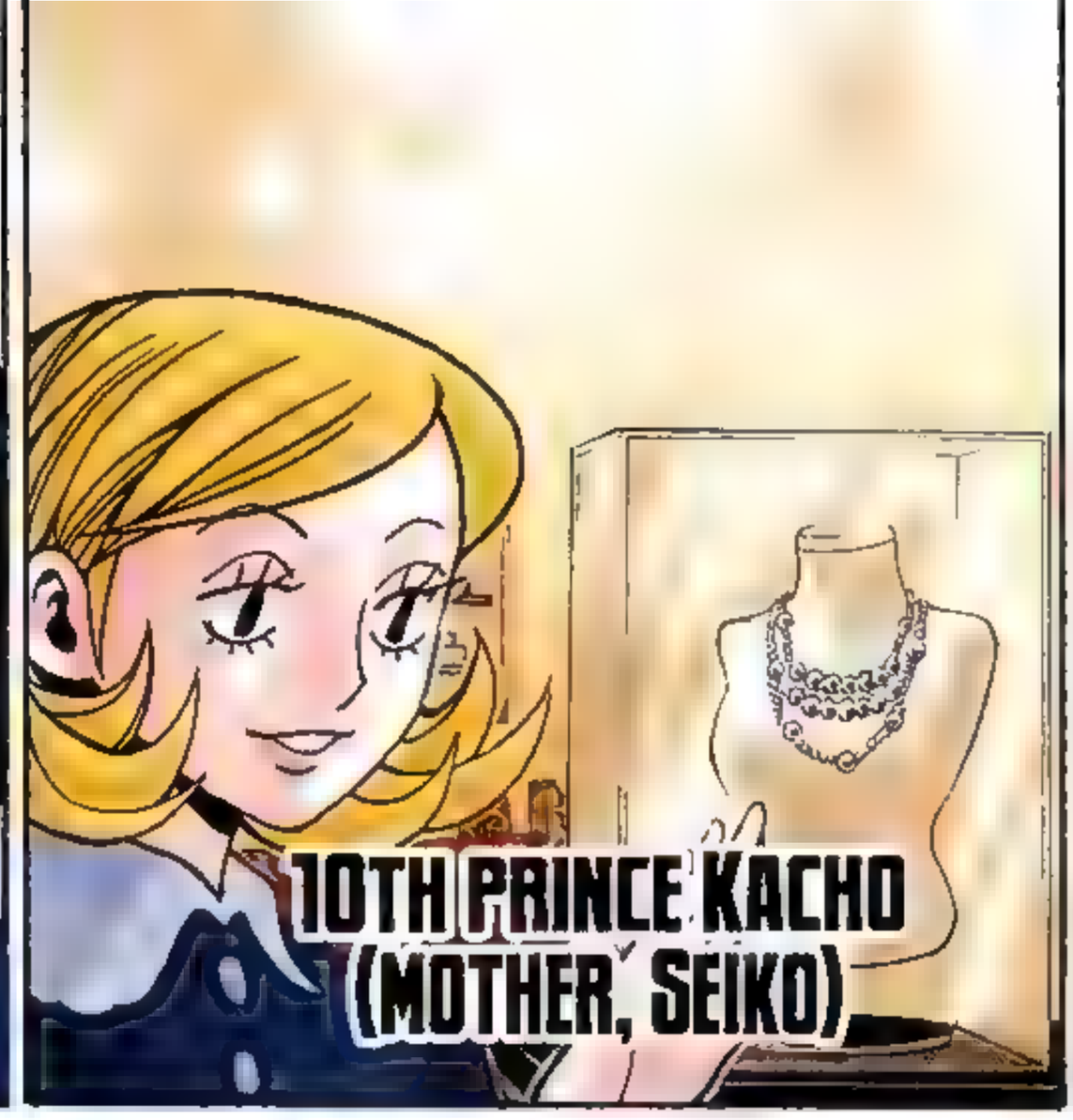
7TH PRINCE LUZURUS
(MOTHER, DUAZUL)

6TH PRINCE TYSON
(MOTHER, KATRONO)

9TH PRINCE HALKENBURG
(MOTHER, DUAZUL)

8TH PRINCE SALE-SALE
(MOTHER, SWINKO-SWINKO)


11TH PRINCE FUGETSU
(MOTHER, SEIKO)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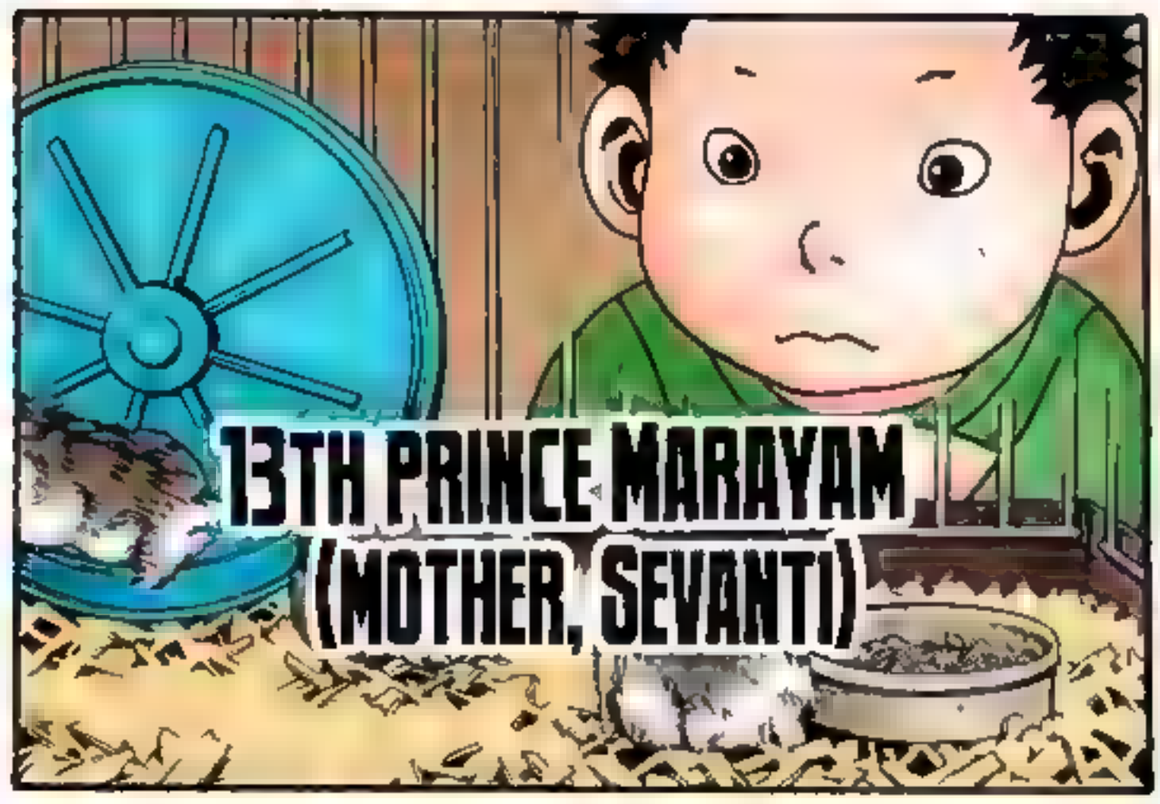
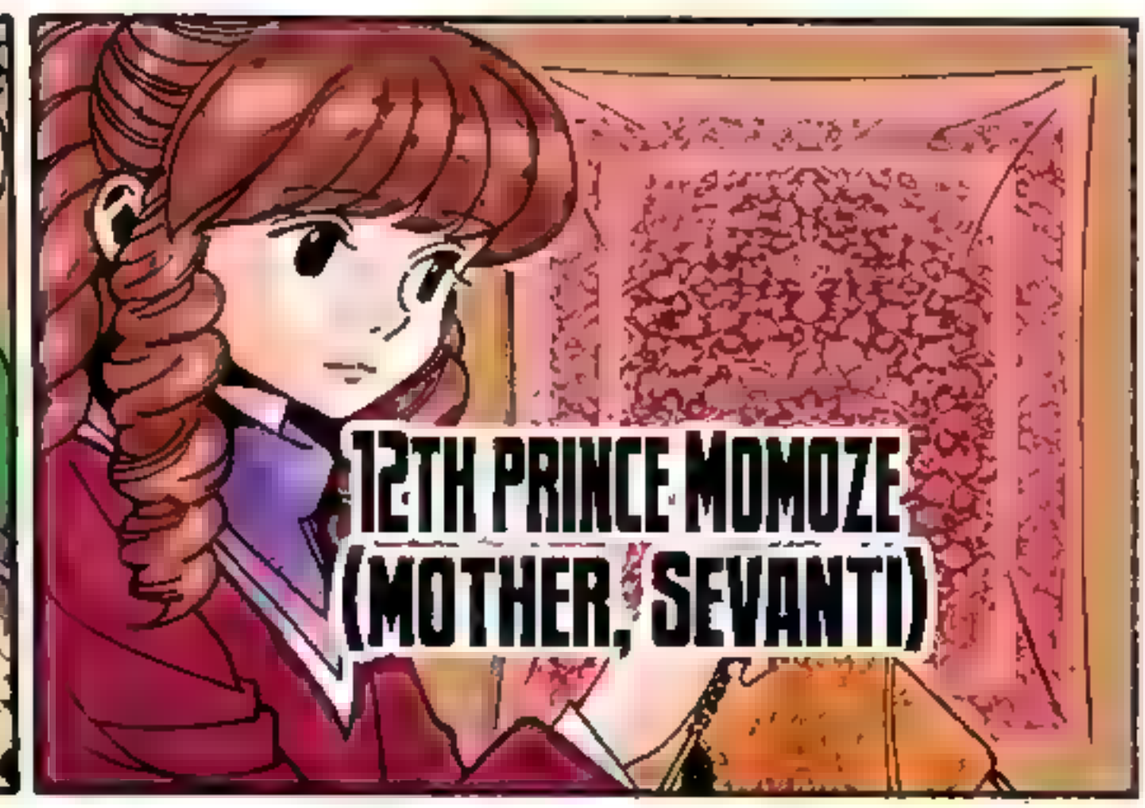
(MOTHER, SEIKO)


13TH PRINCE MARAYAM
(MOTHER, SEVANTI)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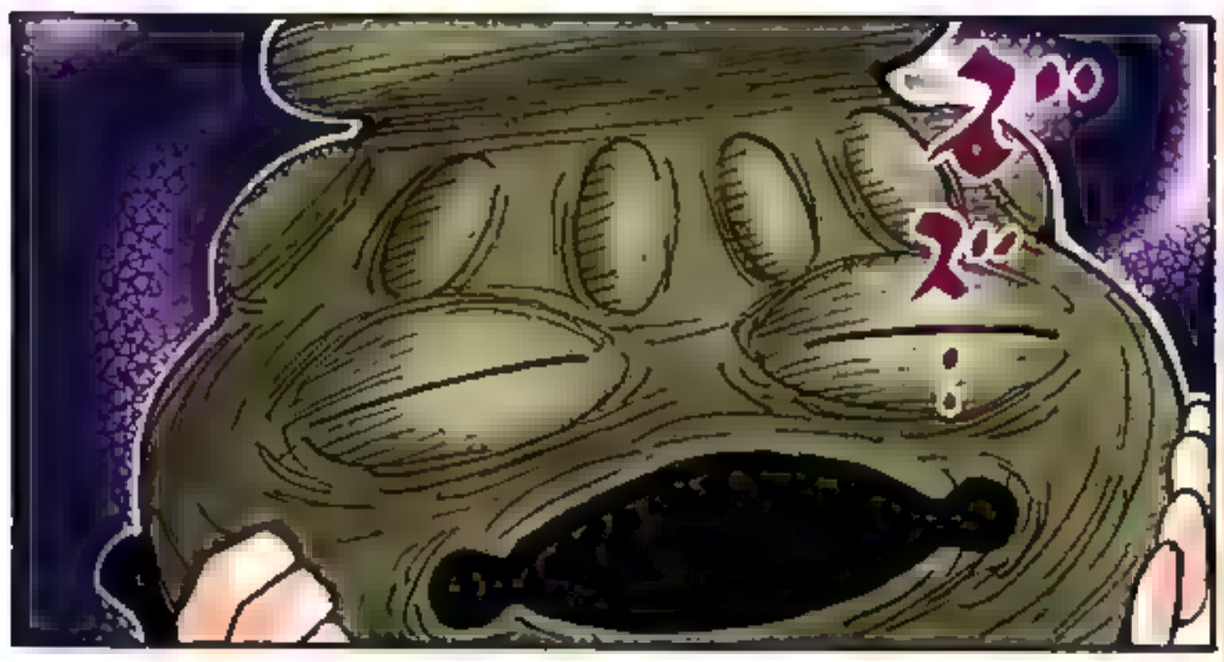
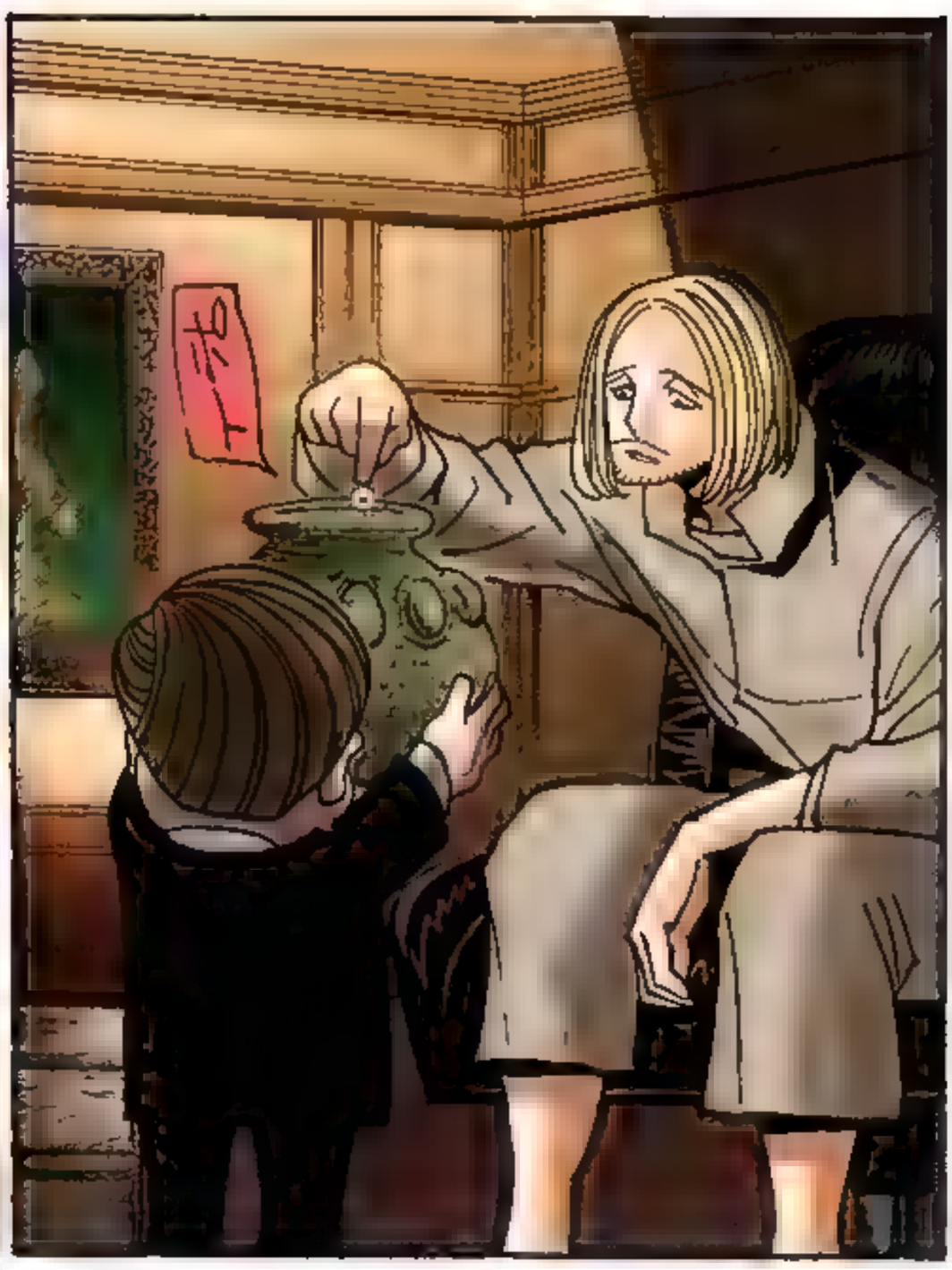
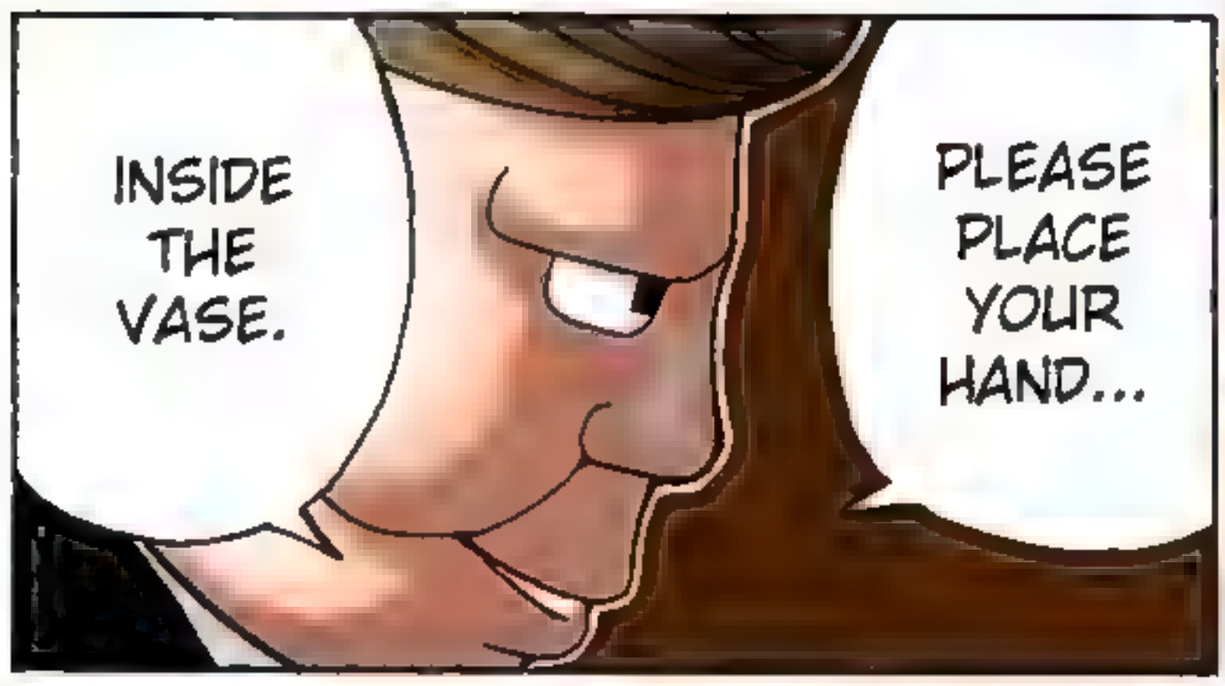
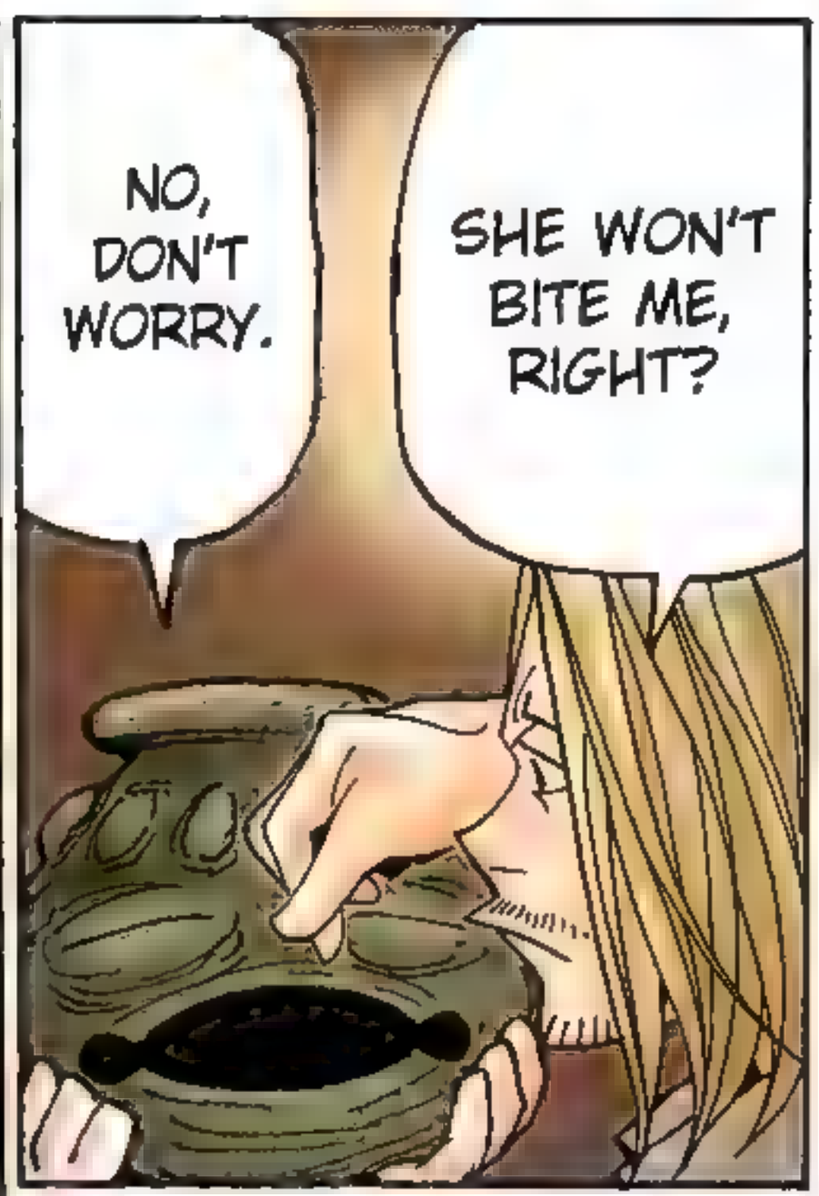
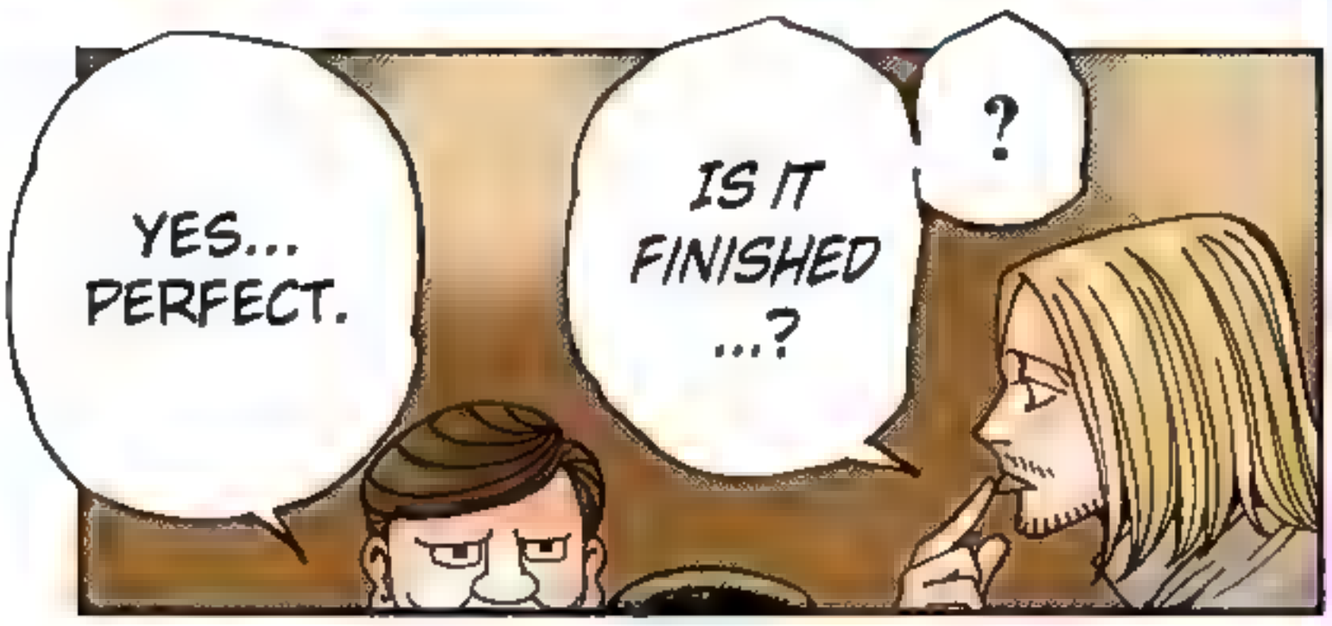
14TH PRINCE WOBLE
(MOTHER, OITO)






INSIDE THE VASE.
PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND...


NO, DON'T WORRY.
SHE WON'T BITE ME, RIGHT?


YES... PERFECT.
IS IT FINISHED ...?
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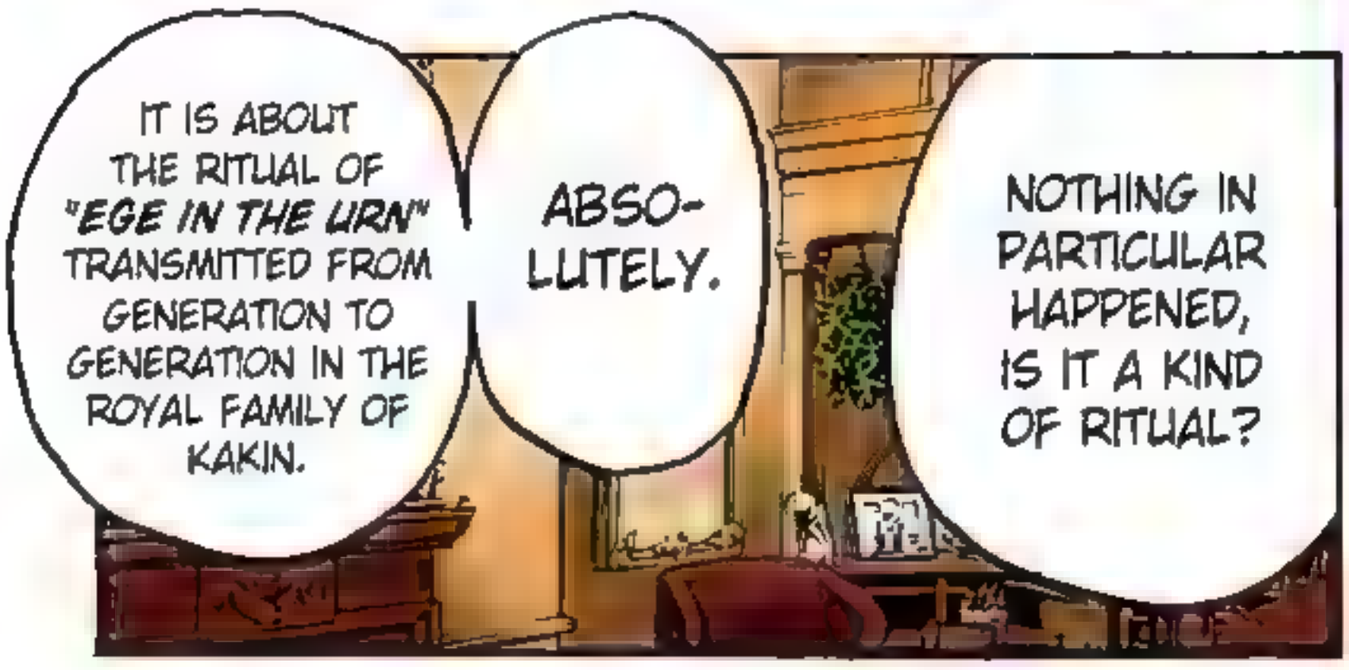
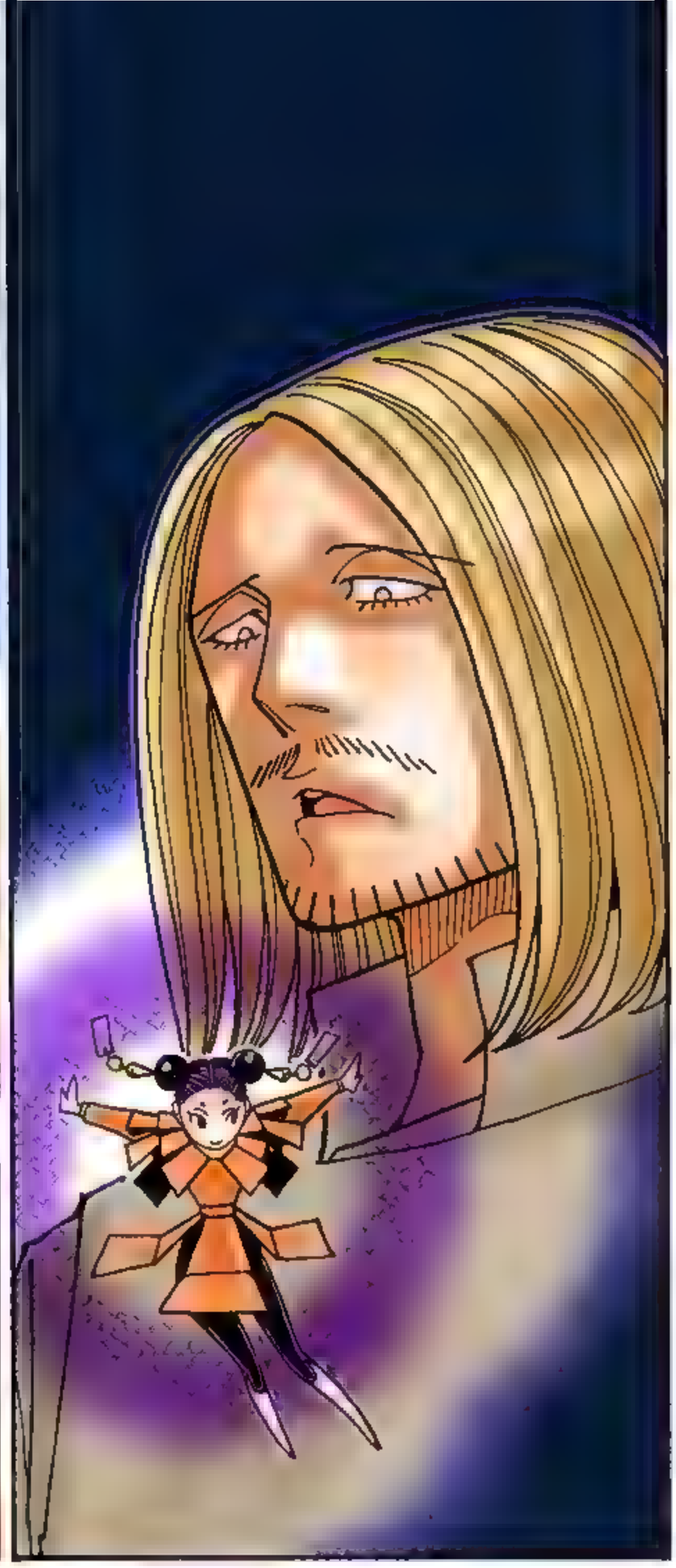
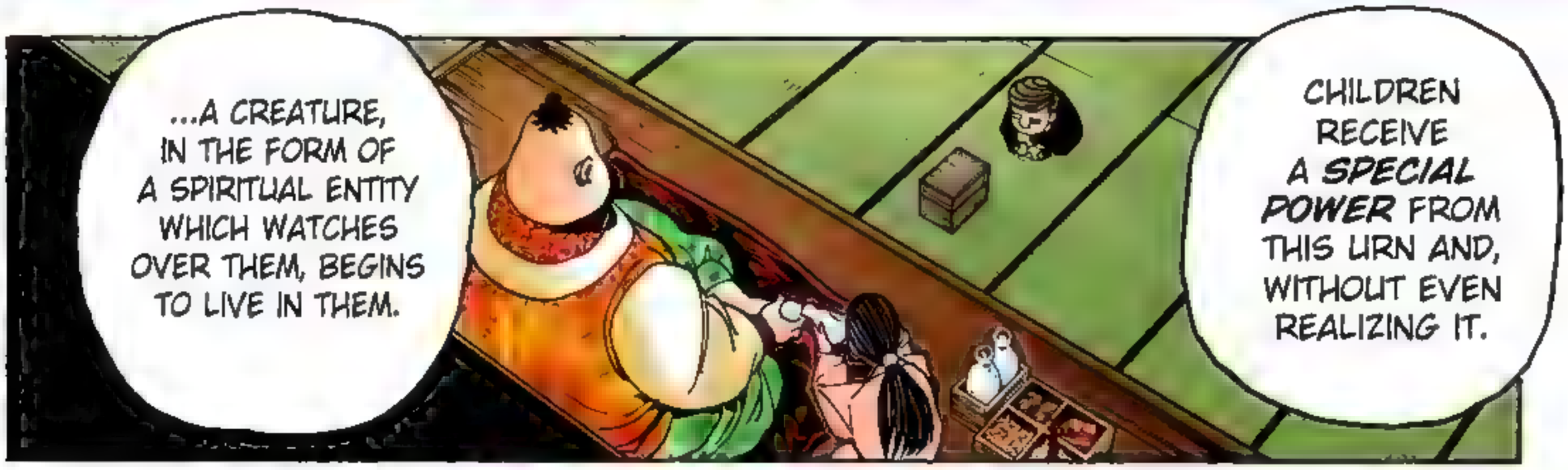

IT IS ABOUT THE RITUAL OF "EGE IN THE URN" TRANSMITTED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION IN THE ROYAL FAMILY OF KAKIN.
ABSO-LUTELY.
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR HAPPENED, IS IT A KIND OF RITUAL?



WILL BE GIVEN A SPECIAL POWER...
IT IS SAID THAT ONE WHO ATTESTS BY HIS BLOOD OF HIS LINEAGE AND WHO LONGS TO ASCEND THE THRONE.

SO THE USE OF THIS URN IN THIS BATTLE IS TOTALLY TRADITIONAL, *HOI*.

ACCORDING TO ANCIENT TEXTS, IT WAS THE ***FIRST KING*** WHO WAS THE INSTIGATOR BY MATERIALIZING HIS ***VENOM, EVIL***, IN THIS URN.



PROTECTIVE SPIRITUAL CREATURE.

THIS IS A CREATURE OF NEN WHO DRAWS THE POWER OF HIS NEN FROM THE DEEP DESIRE OF HIS CREATOR TO BEQUEATH PROSPERITY AND FORTUNE TO HIS DESCENDANTS. SHE TAKES POSSESSION OF THOSE WHO HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH THE DECEASED. IT FEEDS ON THE AURA OF ITS RECEPTACLE. THE FORM AND POWER IT CAN TAKE DEPEND ON THE NATURE OF THE BEING IN WHOM IT LIVES, BUT SINCE IT WAS NOT CREATED BY THE ONE IN WHOM IT LIVES, IT ACTS INDEPENDENTLY OF ITS RECEPTACLE.

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THERE ARE 35 DAYS LEFT BEFORE DEPARTURE.

THAT'S WHEN THE SHIP WILL TAKE OFF.

IT'S ON AUGUST 8TH.

IT WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR THEM IF THEIR BENEFACTOR COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS MOMENTOUS EVENT.

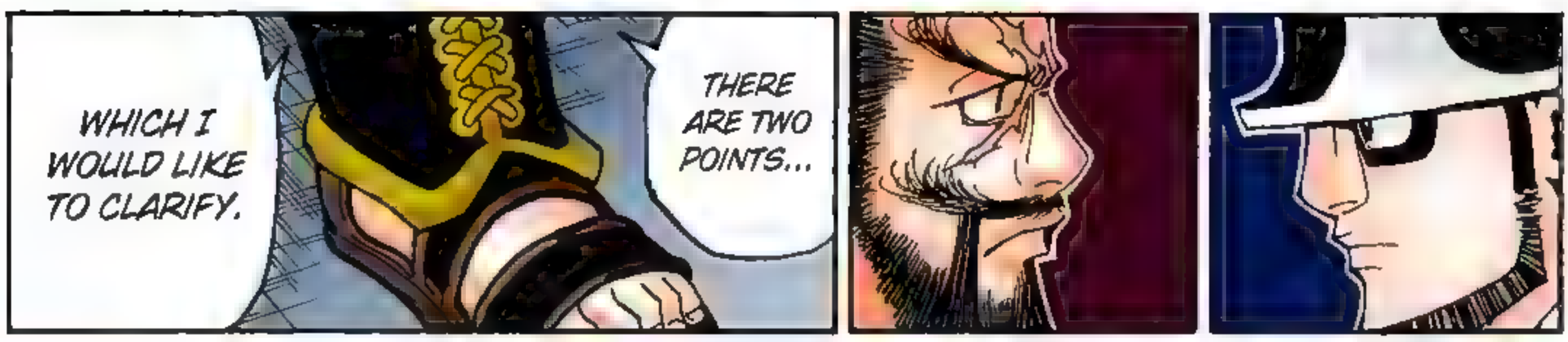
SOVEREIGN HOICORO DIRECTLY ASKED THE VS THAT YOU BE PRESENT AT THE FLOAT CEREMONY THE DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.

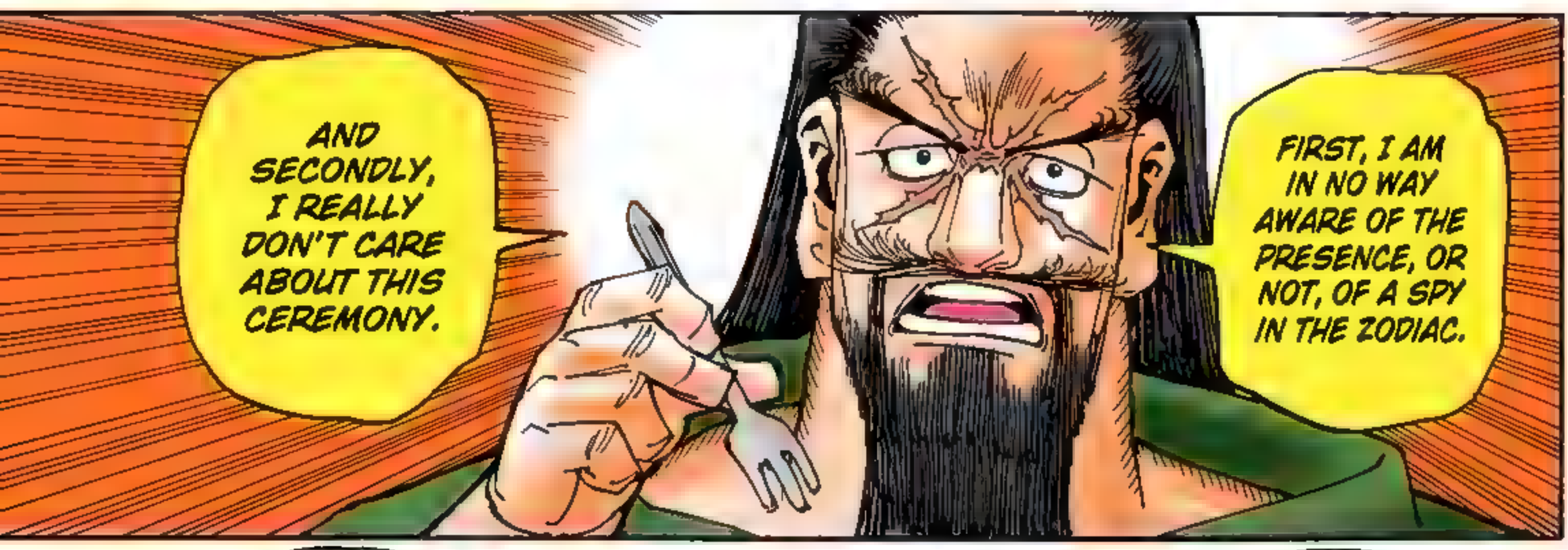
MUNCH!

MUNCH!

IF YOU GIVE ME HIS NAME, I WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY.

TELL ME WHO IS YOUR CONTACT IN THE ZODIAC.





BUT WHAT MATTERS TO ME IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT.

I WILL MAKE SURE, HOWEVER, TO PRESERVE HOICORO'S REPUTATION UNTIL THEN.

...BEG ME ON MY KNEES TO PARTICIPATE...

HIS INNOCENT.

I THINK, NOW THAT KAKIN, WHOSE HONOR COMES FIRST, HAS MADE THIS REQUEST, YOU, HIS DOGGIES, COME ON...

IT MEANS THAT IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD, I AM STILL THE PIONEER WHO WILL OPEN THE WAY TO THE NEW WORLD.

THEY WANT TO SEE ME PARTICIPATE IN THESE CELEBRATIONS...

...IN ORDER TO REGAIN BEYOND FROM HIS PRISON POST.

...IT MUST BE PARRISTON WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH SAIYU...

EVEN IF, INDEED, BEYOND DOES NOT SEEM TO TRY TO ESCAPE, WHO TELLS US THAT THE 2 OTHERS WILL NOT TRY TO FREE HIM?

I FIND YOU A LITTLE OPTIMISTIC.

BEYOND SEEMED HONEST IN HIS WORDS. I THINK WE CAN LEAVE HIM ALONE UNTIL WE ARRIVE.

BEYOND SEEMED TO BE HONEST IN HIS WORDS.

SO HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ON SAIYU. IN OTHER WORDS...

EVEN IN THE WORST CASE WHERE HE WOULD NOT KEEP HIS WORD, HE WOULD LOSE BECAUSE THE *VS* WOULD BREAK ITS AGREEMENTS WITH KAKIN WHO WOULD END UP TAKING BACK HIS SHIP.

UNTIL WE FINISH, HE WILL NOT DO ANYTHING THAT COULD ***COMPROMISE HOICORO'S SUCCESS***. SO AT THIS LEVEL, THE TRIP SHOULD GO SMOOTHLY.

IT WAS AGREED WITH KAKIN TO TREAT BEYOND AS AN AVERAGE PASSENGER, UNTIL THE ARRIVAL IN THE NEW CONTINENT.

I DOUBT IT.

THAT'S WHY I THINK SAIYU HAD BETTER KEEP IT UP FOR THE MOMENT.

BASICALLY, BEYOND DELIBERATELY OPTED FOR DIPLOMACY IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY PROBLEMS.

YES, I SEE.

YES.

DID SAIYU REVEAL HIS ABILITIES?

I DID NOTHING OTHER THAN ANALYZE THESE VIDEOS.

ARE THERE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE TAKEN?

IT'S JUST THAT I PREFER TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS RATHER THAN SIT AROUND DOING NOTHING, WHEN THEY ARE READY TO PLAN HIS ESCAPE.

I THINK SO TOO.

TN: SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL, AND SPEAK NO EVIL

NO NEED TO GO INTO DETAILS. EVEN A CHILD IS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE REST.

I USE THREE NEN MONKEYS. IT'S ***MIZARU***, ***KIKAZARU*** AND ***IWAZARU***.

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE TECHNIQUE HAS A FAIRLY RELATIVE EFFECT ON NEN USERS. HOWEVER, WHEN PANIC BEGINS TO TAKE HOLD OF THEM, THEIR ACTIONS CAN BE ANTICIPATED THROUGH THE FLOW OF THEIR AURA.

A PERSON IN FULL POSSESSION OF HIS MEANS, WHO LOSES 3 OF HIS SENSES IS NO LONGER ABLE TO USE HIS CAPACITIES.

BUT I WARN YOU, YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN DIVULGING THIS INFORMATION!

ONCE WEAKENED, I FINISH MY OPPONENT WITH MY SACRED STAFF. THIS IS HOW I DO IT.

I'M CONVINCED IT CAN WORK. EVEN ON BEYOND.

WHEN THEY HIT THEIR OPPONENT, THEY CAN TAKE AWAY THEIR SIGHT, HEARING AND SPEECH.

IT IS BETTER TO AVOID DISCUSSING IT, KNOWING THAT THE ENEMY HAS POTENTIALLY INFILTRATED A PAWN AMONG US.

HE EVEN SEEMS RELIEVED THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE TO LIE.

AND IN FACT...

WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT HIS ABILITIES, HE DIDN'T ACT LIKE WHEN YOU ASKED HIM THE QUESTION. I THINK HE DIDN'T LIE.

THEY WANT TO BELIEVE IN THOSE AROUND THEM, BUT THEY FEAR THE PRESENCE OF THE SPY.

I CAN FEEL THE TENSION IN OTHERS, EVEN WITHOUT LISTENING TO THEIR VOICES.

THESE CONTRADICTORY EMOTIONS HAVE A VERY SLIGHT EFFECT ON THEIR BODY MOVEMENTS.

...I SEE ...

NO, CLEARLY, HE IS NOT LYING WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT HIS POWER.

AND AT THE SAME TIME, HE'S ON BEYOND'S SIDE.

SO WE HAVE A CLEAR ADVANTAGE OVER THEM, WHICH WE HAVE TO EXPLOIT.

THE ENEMY DOESN'T KNOW WE KNOW ABOUT IT.

SO IT MAY BE THAT SAIYU IS THE ONLY TRAITOR.

THIS IS EXACTLY THE BEHAVIOR EXPECTED OF A PERSON WHO HAS NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF...

I GUESS IT'S SAFER AND LESS SUSPICIOUS THAN STICKING CLOSE TO THEM...

SO WERE GOING TO LET THEM BE...

MAKE NO CHANGES BUT MONITOR SAIYU WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND CALL LOGS. FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE PLANNING, AND SECURE EVIDENCE.

WE WILL HAVE TO ARRANGE TO MASTER SAIYU JUST BEFORE DISEMBARKING ON THE NEW CONTINENT.

IF WE WANT TO THWART THEIR PLANS...

MHH...

IF I BELIEVE HIS POWER AND THE ENEMY'S ROOM TO MANEUVER, I WOULD SAY THAT THEY WILL LIKELY CHOOSE TO ORCHESTRATE THE ESCAPE ON ARRIVAL.

NOW THAT WE KNOW SAIYU'S ABILITIES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANTICIPATE THEIR ESCAPE PLAN.

THAT'S WHY WE ABSOLUTELY MUST ACT BEFORE OUR ARRIVAL AND WITHOUT BEYOND REALIZING IT.

SEA BOUNDARY

DARK CONTINENT

NEW CONTINENT

B·W

UNMASK SAIYUU AT THIS POINT.

IF WE ACT TOO SOON, THE ENEMY WILL HAVE TIME TO CHANGE STRATEGY.

THEY MAY ALSO CARRY OUT THEIR PLAN AFTER ARRIVING ON THE NEW CONTINENT.

WITHOUT PROOF, WE WILL BE FORCED TO ADMIT THAT YOU USED ME AND IF WE SAY THAT...

THE PROBLEM IS HERE...

I MIGHT HAVE A BAD QUARTER OF AN HOUR.

IT WILL CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

WE NEVER KNOW. THE OTHER MEMBERS COULD ASK US FOR EXPLANATIONS.

THE BEST WOULD BE TO HAVE PROOF BEFORE YOU CORNER HIM.

...WHAT IF WE DON'T HAVE PROOF?

WHILE I DO THE OPPOSITE BY LOOKING FOR THE CULPRIT BEHIND THEIR BACKS. MOST OF THEM MIGHT TAKE IT BADLY

BUT ABOVE ALL BECAUSE I WAS THE FIRST TO SAY *"THAT I WAS FIRMLY RESOLVED TO ACCOMPLISH MY MISSION EVEN IF THERE WAS A TRAITOR"*

AMONG OTHER THINGS, BUT ABOVE ALL

ONLY FOR HAVING USED A NEW RECRUIT AND HAVING ACTED WITHOUT CONSULTING?

WE SHOULD REVIEW THIS MISSION TO THE CURSED CONTINENT FROM ANOTHER ANGLE.

THINGS MIGHT TAKE A PRETTY COMPLEX TURN, MAYBE ...

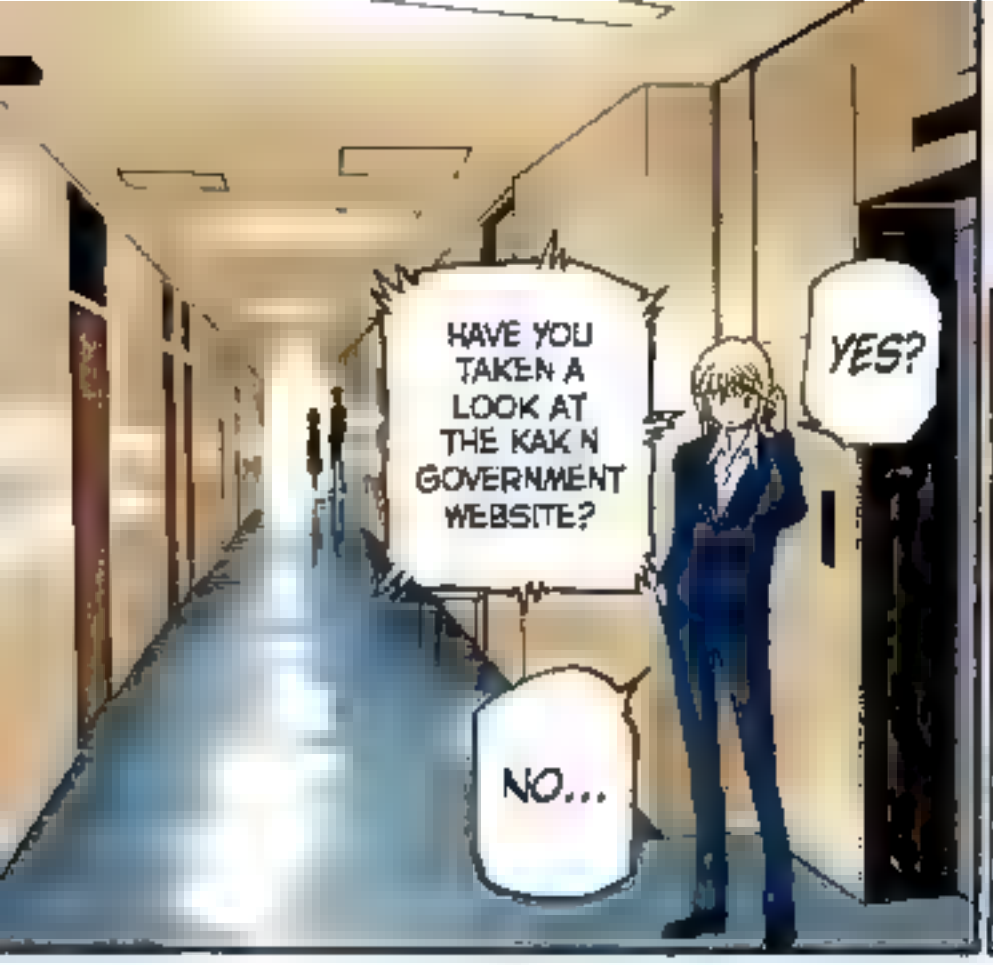
AND THERE ARE THOSE FOR WHOM THE RESULTS DO NOT MATTER AND FOR WHOM ALL THAT MATTERS IS THE PATH TAKEN TO OBTAIN THEM.

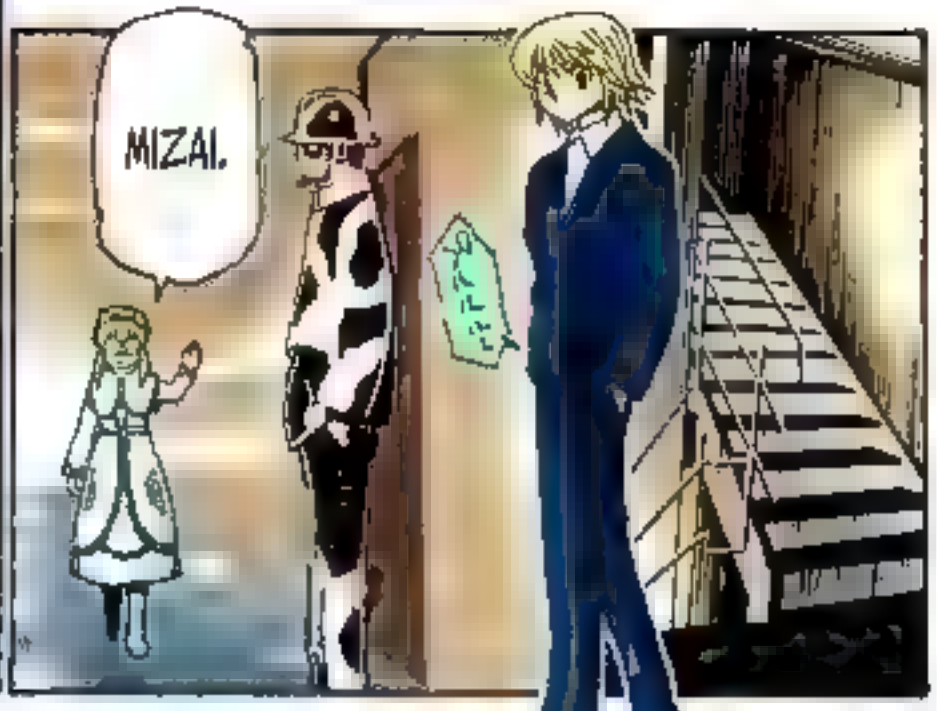
OF COURSE, FOR THE MAJORITY, IT IS THE RESULTS THAT COUNT, BUT MANY BELIEVE THAT THE END DOES NOT ALWAYS JUSTIFY THE MEANS.

...WHEN THEY REALIZE THAT IT WAS ALL A BIG MASQUERADE, YES, THEY WILL TAKE IT VERY BADLY.

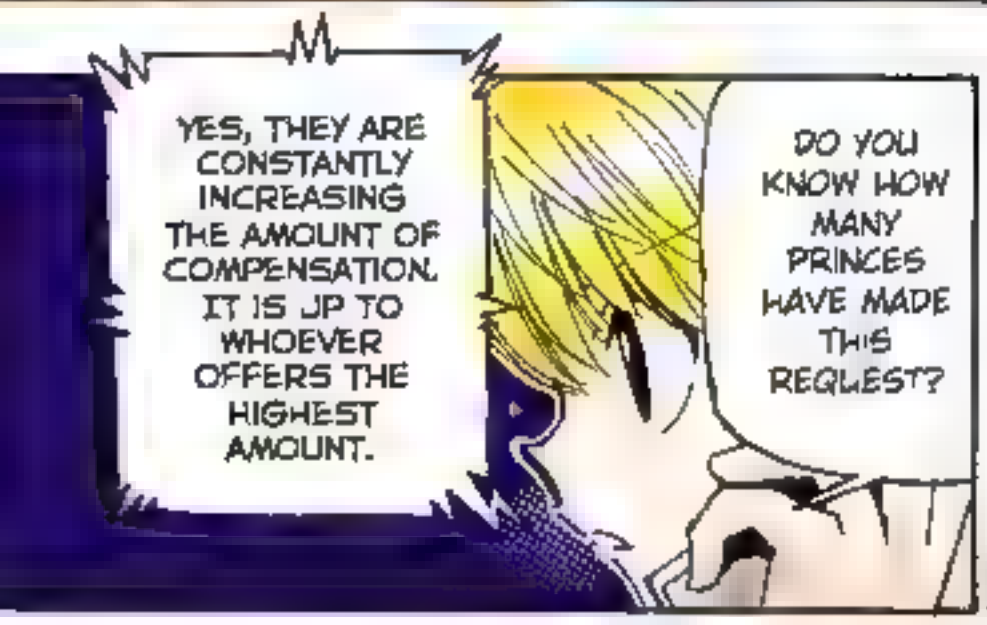
SOMEWHAT STRENG-THENED OUR TIES.

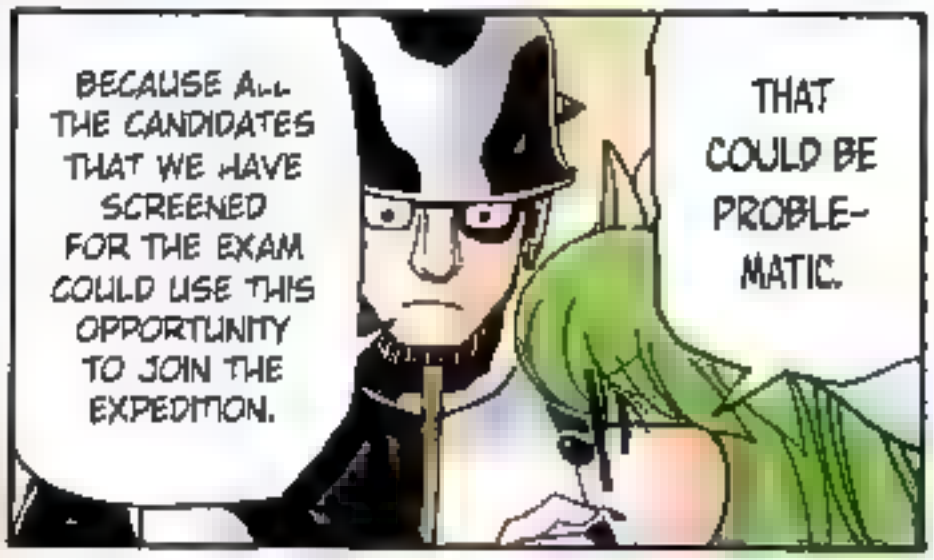
TO BE HONEST, REVEALING OUR POWERS TO EACH OTHER...


HAVE YOU TAKEN A LOOK AT THE KAKIN GOVERNMENT WEBSITE?
YES?
NO...

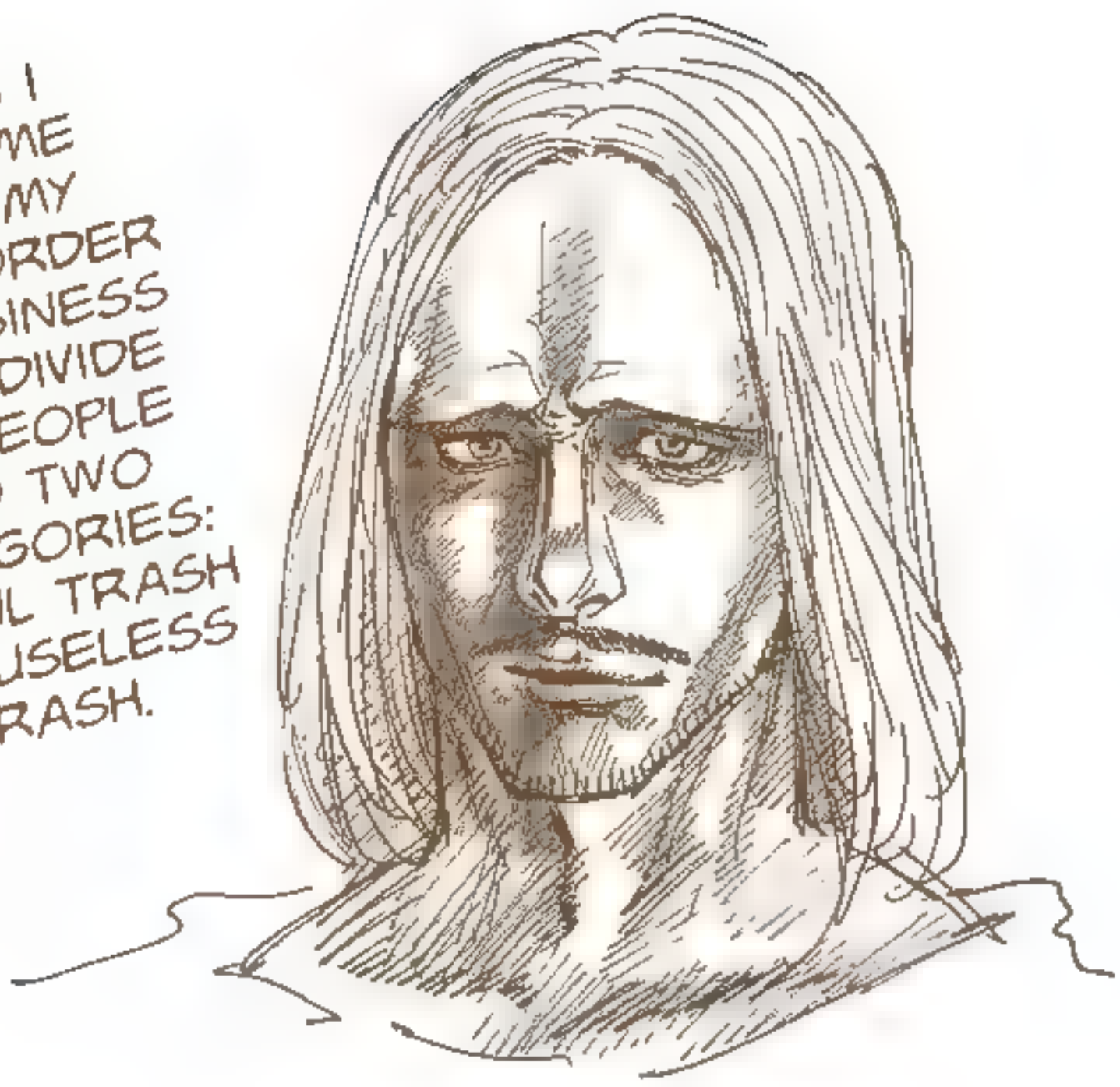

MIZAI.

WHOSE MISSION WILL BE TO ACCOMPANY THEM SAFELY AND SOUND ON THE NEW CONTINENT AND TO ELIMINATE ANY POTENTIAL THREAT.
THE PRINCES OF KAKIN ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING BODYGUARDS.


YES, THEY ARE CONSTANTLY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION. IT IS UP TO WHOEVER OFFERS THE HIGHEST AMOUNT.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PRINCES HAVE MADE THIS REQUEST?


BECAUSE ALL THE CANDIDATES THAT WE HAVE SCREENED FOR THE EXAM COULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE EXPEDITION.
THAT COULD BE PROBLEMATIC.

THERE ARE 6 REQUESTS.
IN ALL AND FOR ALL...


WHEN I BECOME KING, MY FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO DIVIDE THE PEOPLE INTO TWO CATEGORIES: USEFUL TRASH AND USELESS TRASH.

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No.350◆PRINCE

THE METHOD OF RECRUITMENT REQUIRES THAT THE HUNTERS CONCERNED TRANSMIT THEIR REGISTRATION NUMBER TO THE ASSOCIATION. THUS, IF THE SAME NUMBER APPEARS IN OTHER REQUESTS, THEN ALL THE REQUESTS APPEARING UNDER THE SAME NUMBER, ARE AUTOMATICALLY INVALIDATED.

6 OF THE PRINCES IN QUESTION, RECRUIT PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS AMONG THE BEST, TO ENSURE THEIR PROTECTION.

SO THIS IS THE BEST OPTION TO BE ABLE TO APPROACH THEM.

IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT AMONG THE 6 PRINCES, ONE OF THEM IS MY TARGET, *TSERRIEDNICH*.

THIS IS A MISSION THAT REQUIRES TO BE PERMANENTLY AT THE SIDE OF THE PRINCE CONCERNED.

THEY WILL BE DECLARED AUTOM-ATICALLY INELIGIBLE.

WHAT IF THEY APPLY WHILE CONCEALING THEIR STATUS?

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THAT IS WHY...

...I CALLED ON YOU TO INFILTRATE THEIR BODY-GUARDS!

I AGREE! RESORTING TO EXTERNAL PROTECTION SHOWS A CERTAIN AMATEURISM.

THE MOST NAIVE AND THE LEAST EXPERIENCED, IN MY OPINION... THE 5TH PRINCE TO THE 8TH PRINCE.

BASHO
BODY GUARD FROM THE NOSTRADE FAMILY.

I DON'T THINK THE 4TH PRINCE IS CONCERNED BY THESE RECRUITMENTS ...

HE AND THE 1ST PRINCE HAVE THE SAME MOTHER, IN OTHER WORDS THEY ARE PROBABLY THE MOST EXPERIENCED IN THIS "*GAME OF SUCCESSION*".

THEY WILL CERTAINLY CALL ON A TRUSTED PRIVATE MILITIA TO ENSURE THEIR PROTECTION.

HANZO
HUNTER OF THE SAME GENERATION.

YOU ASK THAT JUST A MONTH BEFORE THE EXPEDITION... AND WHAT IS MORE, YOU WOULD LIKE THE 6 TO BE INFILTRATED SIMULTANEOUSLY!?

SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO JUSTIFY SUCH A MEASURE.

IZUNABI
TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP (IN A WAY).

ALL I WANT IS TO GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE 4TH PRINCE, SO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO BE ABLE TO GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THIS.

THE REST IS AT YOUR DISCRETION.

INHERITANCE BUSINESS IS THE UGLIEST THING.

ALLOW ME TO DOUBT ...

I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF SOME OF THEM MANAGE TO TRY TO SURREPTITIOUSLY ELIMINATE COMPETITION.

BISCUIT
HUNTER RECOMMENDED BY KILLUA.

EXACTLY, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR US...

IF WE MANAGE TO GAIN THEIR TRUST, WE COULD GET CLOSER TO THE SO-CALLED SUPERIOR PRINCES.

MELODY
BODY GUARD FROM THE NOSTRADE FAMILY.

THAT WAY, I'LL HAVE MORE POSSIBLE OPTIONS AND PRECISION WITH MY ABILITES.

IDEALLY, CLOSE ENOUGH THAT I CAN TOUCH HIM.

AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE? LIKE, HOW CLOSE ARE WE TALKING HERE?

AND SO WHEN WE SUCCEED IN THAT, YOU WILL BE COMPENSATING US PROPERLY, RIGHT?

AFTER ALL, AFTER WE ACCEPT THE REQUEST TO BE BODYGAURDS, OUR CONTACT WITH YOU WILL BE COMPLETED.

ALTHOUGH IF YOU HAD A NORMAL LEVEL OF COMPREHENSION, I WOULD THINK YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO CONFIRM SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

OF COURSE, THAT' FINE.

WAIT.

BY CANCEL, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS WHOLE BODYGUARD THING AND NOT YOUR REQUEST, RIGHT?

IF BY CHANCE I CAN SHAKE HANDS WITH THE 4TH PRINCE TSERRIENDICH BEFORE THE EVE OF OUR VOYAGE, THEN YOU COULD ALL CANCEL ON THIS WHOLE SHIP THING AND IT'D BE FINE BY ME.

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IN ORDER TO RECLAIM MY BRETHE-REN...

THIS IS ALL...

SINCE IT'S YOU WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE, I'M SURE YOU'RE GONNA END UP BUTTING HEADS WITH BISCUIT, SO HOW ABOUT I TELL YOU A WAY TO EASILY SMOOTH THINGS OVER WITH HER.

SERIOUSLY, IT MAKE YOU SICK TO YOU STOMACH, BUT YOU SHOULD JUST GO AHEAD AND GET IT OVER WITH... SERIOUSLY THOUGH...IT'S JUST GROSS.

IT'S NOT LIKE I GET ALONG WITH HER MYSELF THOUGH, I KNEW WHAT TO DO... I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO DO IT... IT WAS JUST TOO GROSS.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM SOME HYPOCRITE WHO PUTS ON AIRS FOR EVERYONE SHE MEETS.

LISTEN HERE, YOU!! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE, BUT I TRUST YOU ABOUT AS FAR AS I CAN THROW YOU!!

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WHAT ?!!

SUCH A RARE, DELICATE, ELEGANT YOUNG GIRL AS YOURSELF...

WOULD HAVE NEVER TAKEN ON THE REQUEST OF SOMEONE LIKE ME, RIGHT?

AFTER ALL, IF IT WE'RENT FOR KILLUA'S INTRODUC-TIONS...

SO IF YOU STILL WANNA BACK OUT, NOW'S YOUR LAST CHANCE TO DO IT.

YOU'RE MUCH MORE SUITED TO BE A PRINCESS THAN A BODYGUARD ANYWAY.

ARE YOU ALL READY?

I'LL DO ANYTHING NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!!

NO... THAT'S NOT ALL...

THE CLIENTS ARE ALSO THEIR LEGAL WIVES AND CHILDREN...

NOW THEN, PLEASE SEND YOUR DATA TO EACH OF YOUR RESPECTIVE PRINCES.

YES!

ALL 6 OF THEIR REQUESTS ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL EXCEPT FOR SLIGHT DIFFERENCES IN THEIR CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS BUT NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE DIFFERENCE, IT MAY BE A CLUE THAT CAN LEAD ME CLOSER TO MY TARGET... I'VE GOT TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT ONE TO GO WITH!

THERE COULD ALSO BE PEOPLE THERE IN SOME KIND OF COMPLICATED SITUATION OR RELATIONSHIP. AND OF COURSE, WE'D BE IN NO POSITION OF KNOWING ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT WE WERE TOLD INITIALLY.

AMONG ALL THESE, THE PERSON THAT WILL LET ME GET THE CLOSEST TO MY TARGET...

THOSE WHO ARE COMPLETELY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR OR WHO KEPT IT A COMPLETELY SECRET... OR ONE WITHOUT AN INTERVIEW PROCESS AT ALL... ETC...

OR THE PERSON WHO WASN'T INVOLVED WITH COMPETING OVER BODYGUARDS FROM THE START...WHO DROPPED OUT OF THE COMPETING THE FASTEST... THE PERSON WITH COUNTLESS CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT... OR THE PERSON WITH NONE AT ALL...

THE PERSON WHO PUT THEIR REQUEST OUT THE QUICKEST... OR PERHAPS THE LATEST... OR PERHAPS THE ONE WHO OFFERED THE MOST COMPENSANTION...

ONE OF THESE TWO...!!

IS MOST LIKELY...

AND I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THESE TWO IS HIM!!

THE ONE THAT MATCHES THE MOST TO THAT IN THIS PROFILE IS PRINCE HARKENBURG...!

WHAT IS NEEDED OF A PRINCE IS THE ABILITY TO DISPLAY MATURITY AND CONFIDENCE... AND I SAW THAT IN TWO OF THEM... ONE, FROM THE RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION, PUT OUT THE HIGHEST COMPENSATION... THE OTHER REFUSED TO CHANGE HIS COMPENSATION.

(1) IN ORDER TO ATTAIN HIS VICTORY, HE PUT DOWN THE HIGHEST COMPENSATION... WITH NO INTEL AT ALL TO EVER LOSE, HE'S THE TYPE THAT PUTS HIS STRENGTH ON DISPLAY.

(2) THE ONE THAT DIDN'T CHANGE HIS COMPENSATION AT ALL HAS A STRONG SENSE OF PRIDE, SELF-ESTEEM AND SELF-CONTROL. I COULD IMAGINE HE'S THE TYPE THAT WOULD EXPECT SUCH OF HIS OPPONENTS...

EVEN AMONG PRINCESS HIS ACHIEVEMENTS EXCELS AND STAND OUT, BY HE HAS BAD RELATIONS WITH HIS MOTHER AND HIS TWO SISTERS, HE WOULD SAY THAT IT WAS JUST BAD LUCK.

AT AGE 15, HE SKIPPED GRADES TO ATTEND THE WORLD'S GREATEST UNIVERSITY, MIWALL. THERE, HE STUDIED PHYSICS AND ALSO COMPETED IN THE WORLDS CHAMPIONSHIPS OF ARCHERY WINNING A GOLD MEDAL.

"TSERRIEDNICH IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE PRINCES THAT ACCEPTS ME."

HE HIMSELF HAD ONCE POSTED ON FACEBOX THAT...

WHILE STILL IN GRADE SCHOOL, THEY HAD HIM ADMITTED TO A BOARDING SCHOOL WHICH RESULTED IN RUMORS SUCH AS HE WE WAS EXILED OR IN HIDDING FROM ASSASSINS.

AND TO BE PERFECTLY FRANK, WITHIN THE PALACE, HE WAS BEYOND THE KING'S CONTROL AS WELL... THEY SIMPLY COULD NOT HANDLE HIM.

AND IF EVEN WHEN THEY WERE APART, HE WOULD STILL KEEP CONSTANT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THAT PERSON, IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT WHILE ON A SHIP TOGETHER THAT THEY WOULD REUNITE.

WITH SUCH POWERFULL FEELINGS OF ALIENATION AND ANGST, HE HAD FOUND ONLY ONE PERSON THAT WOULD SYMPATHIZE WITH HIM AND UNDER-STAND HIM...

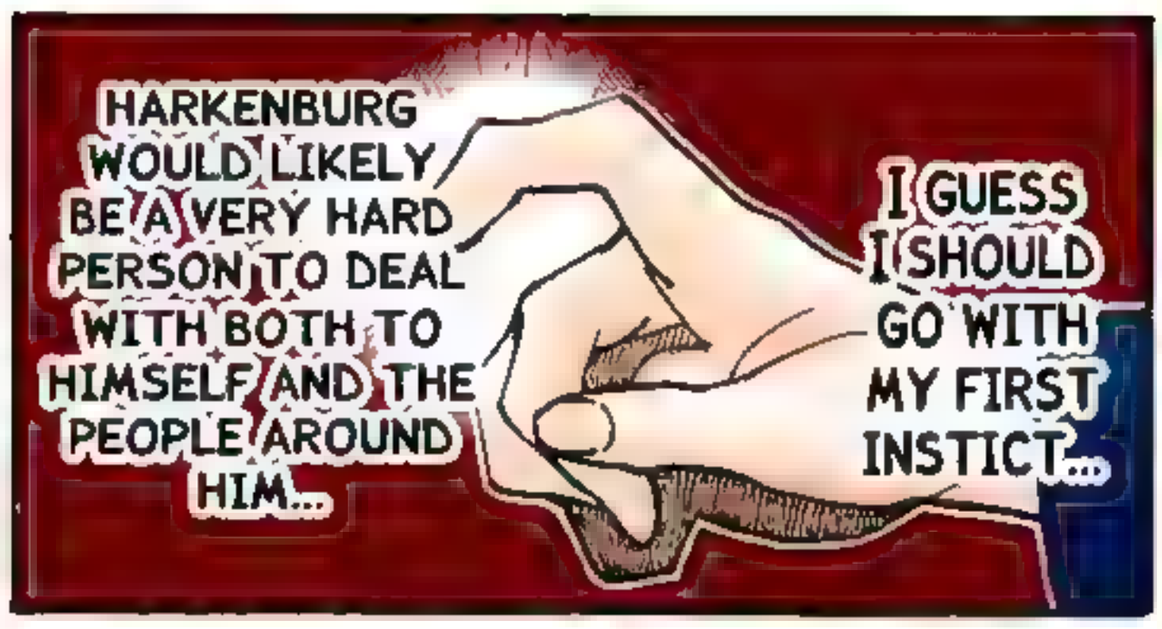
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES, I MUST DEDUCE WHICH OF THESE IS HARKEN-BURG!!

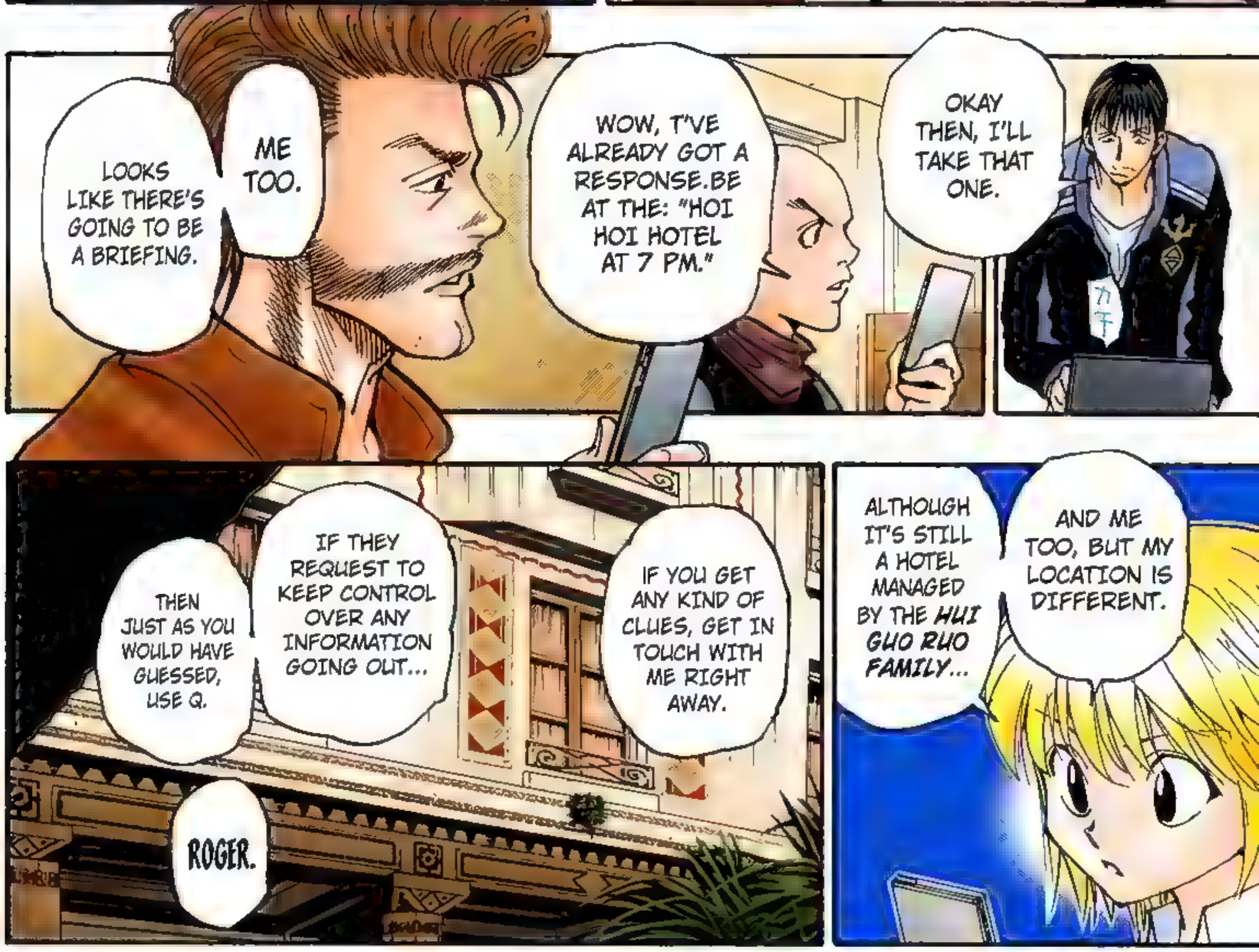
EITHER WAY, I CAN'T SEE EITHER OF THEM HAVING A VERY STRONG CONNECTION TO TSERRIEDNICH... BUT NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...

KURA-PIKA.

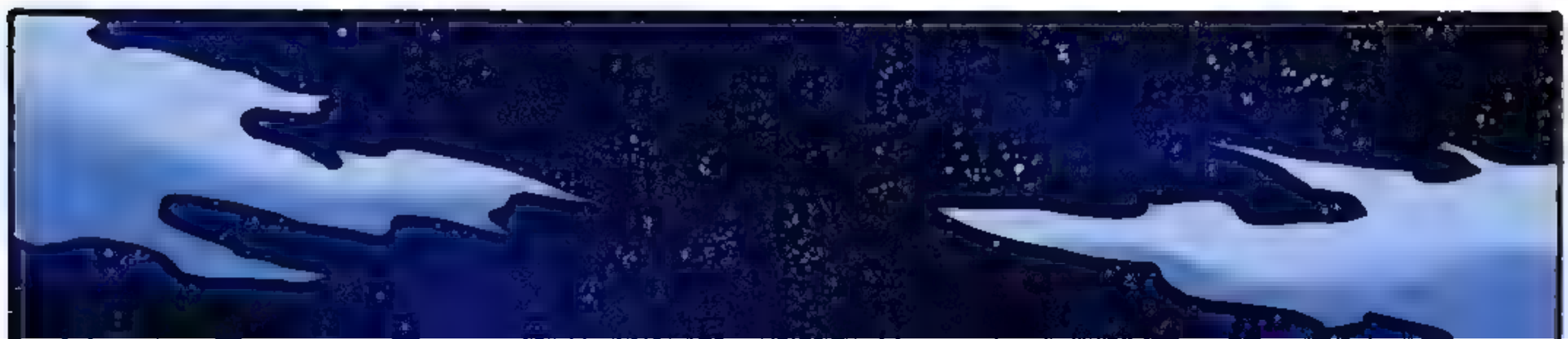
THESE TWO DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR WHY THEY CHOSE TO GIVE THE INTER-VIEWS THEMSELVES APART FROM THEY BOTH LIKED TO CHOOSE THEIR BODY-GAURD BASED ON THEIR LOOKS... ALL THE WHILE BEING SO ARROGANT AS TO KEPT UP WITH THEIR SOCIAL NETWORKING UPDATES DURING THE PROCESS.

FROM THEIR PROFILES, I IMAGINE THE OTHER ONE IS EITHER PRINCE NO.6 OR 10.





AN ORIGINAL SPECIAL TELEPHONE NETWORK DEVELOPED BY THE ORGANIZATION WHICH BY SENDING 9 NUMBERS, THE RECEIVING END CAN USE SPECIAL ANALYSIS SOFTWARE TO EXTRACT AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION. LEAVING BEHIND NO RECORDS OR CALL LOGS, AND UNABLE TO HAVE ANY OF ITS DATA GATHERED BY ANY CONVENTIONAL TAPPING OR TRACING SYSTEMS.



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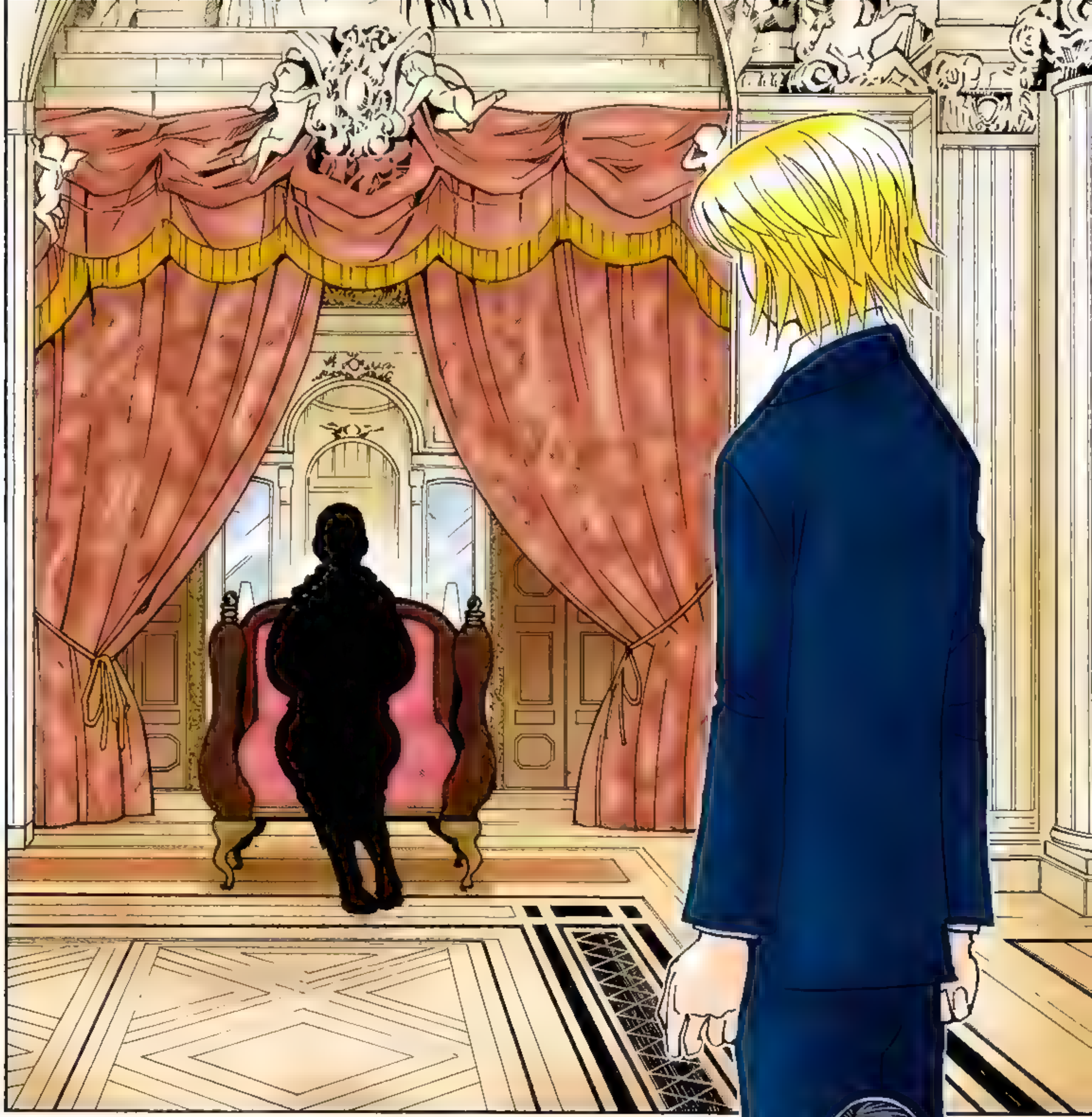
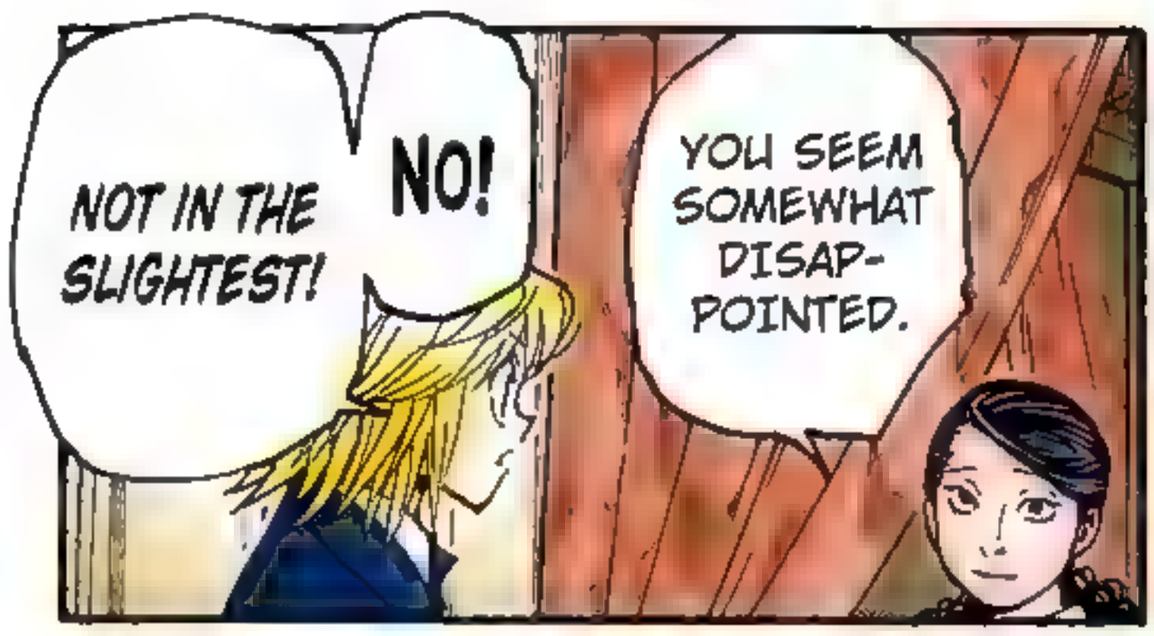
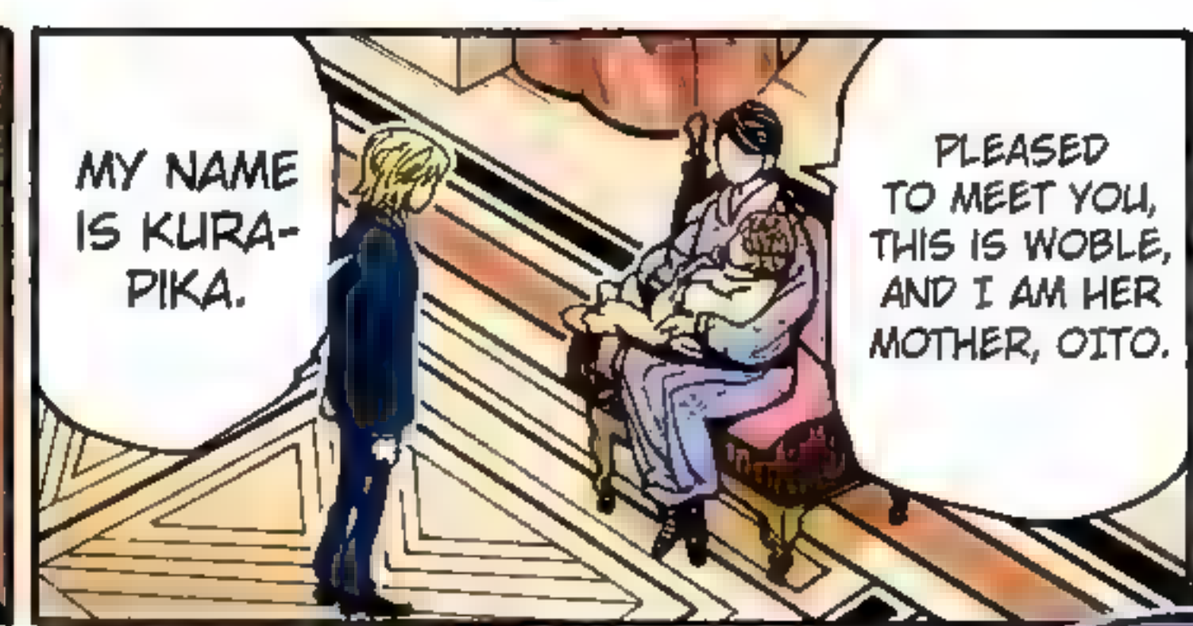
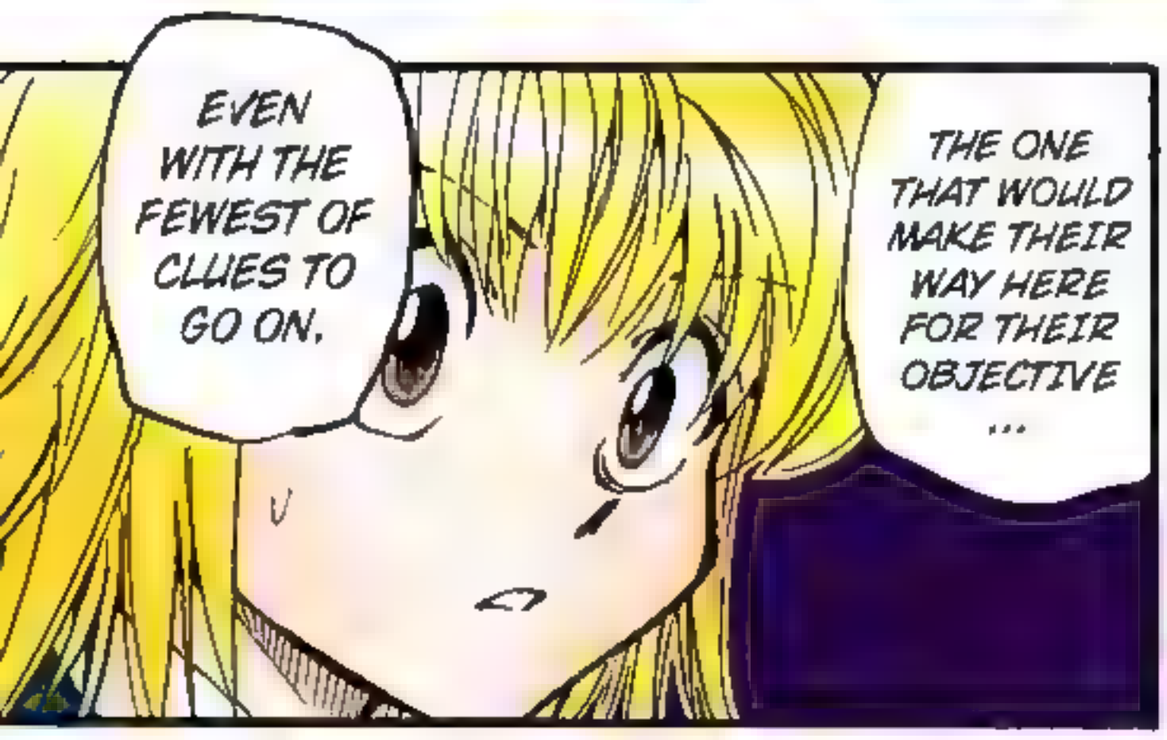


THE 14TH PRINCE ...
PRINCE WOBLE ...





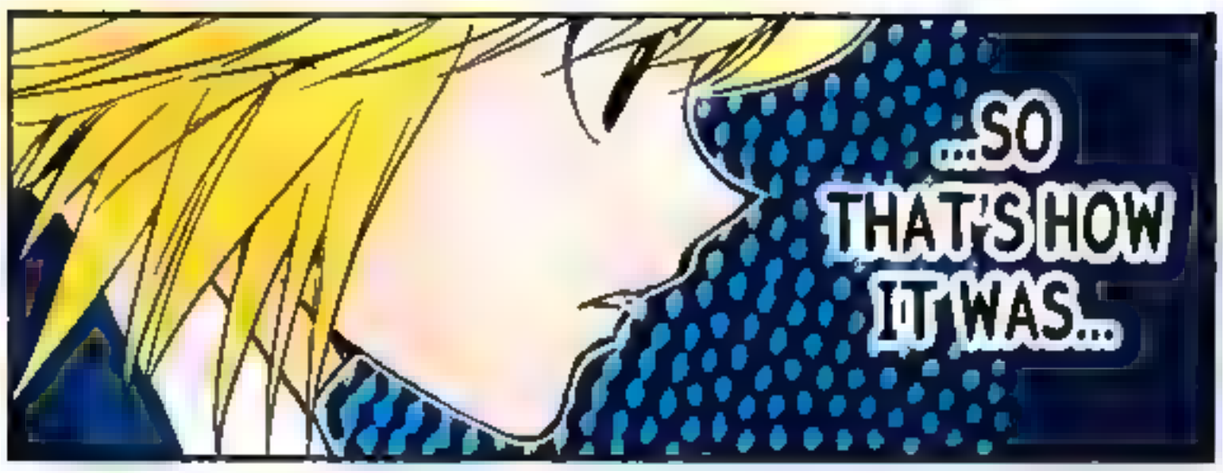


THE REASON IS THAT IF THE PRINCE'S WERE ALLOWED TO GIVE OUT SPECIFIC DATA, IT WOULD BE TO EASY FOR THOSE WHO WOULD WANT TO ASSASSINATE A PRINCE TO INFILTRATE...

...AND ALSO TO DEFEND AGAINST PEOPLE CONGREGATING AROUND THE MORE POPULAR PRINCES.

THE ONLY THING WE WERE ALLOWED TO CHANGE WAS THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION. ALL OTHER DATA WAS COLLECTED BASED ON A GIVEN FORMAT.

THE REQUEST DATA HAD RULES IN THAT NO PRINCE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE ANY SPECIFIC OR PARTICULAR REQUESTS.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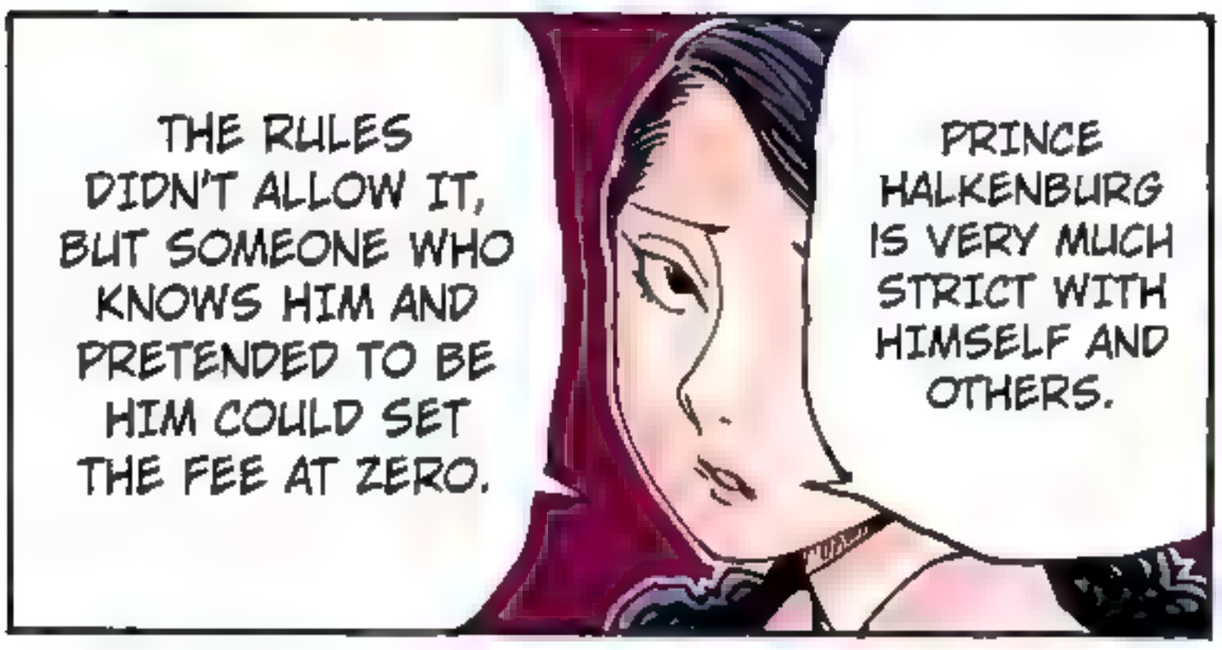
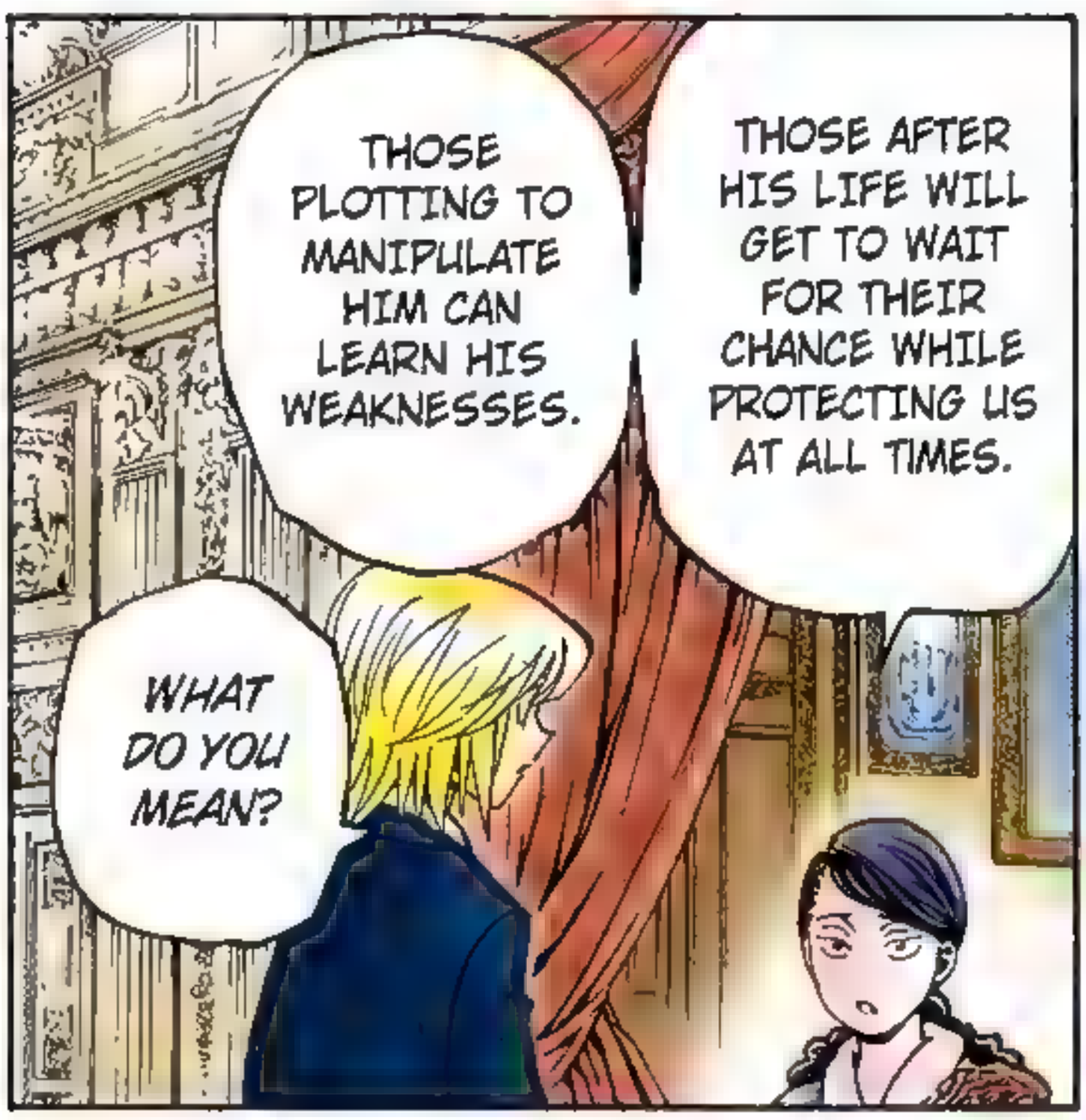

THE RULES DIDN'T ALLOW IT, BUT SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HIM AND PRETENDED TO BE HIM COULD SET THE FEE AT ZERO.
PRINCE HALKENBURG IS VERY MUCH STRICT WITH HIMSELF AND OTHERS.

AND I'M SURE THAT HE HIMSELF KNOWS THAT ...
...AND DID NOT PUT UP A POST.
THE ONE WHO BOTH OF THOSE SEEM TO APPLY TO IS PRINCE HARKENBURG.

AND ALSO... CONSEQUENTLY, THERE WERE CONSTANTLY RUMORS OF ASSASSINATION ABOUND EVEN AMONG HIS SUPPORTERS, PEOPLE USED HIM, CHANGING HIS IMAGE TO TRY AND CREATE A DICTATORSHIP.
HE WANTED TO TRY AND CHANGE THE ROYAL FAMILY'S GOVERNMENT FROM IT'S ROOTS, AND IT WAS THAT OUTWARD ATTITUDE THAT GATHERED SUPPORTERS FOR HIM. GRADUALLY, HE BEGAN TO ATTAIN POWER AND AUTHORITY.


THOSE PLOTTING TO MANIPULATE HIM CAN LEARN HIS WEAKNESSES.
THOSE AFTER HIS LIFE WILL GET TO WAIT FOR THEIR CHANCE WHILE PROTECTING US AT ALL TIMES.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BUT TO US, ALL OF THAT WAS CONVENIENT.
MOST WHO GET CLOSE WITHOUT GOING THROUGH HIS ORGANIZATION'S BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE ASSASSINS OR FAKE FOLLOWERS.
SINCE IT ALLOWED FOR A GIVE AND TAKE, QUID PRO QUO SITUATION.

NOT IN THIS CASE.

IT WOULD BE A GOOD CHANCE FOR THOSE WITH ULTERIOR MOTIVES TO GET CLOSE TO THE PRINCES.

THE PROS WILL DO THEIR JOBS, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR MONEY.

WHAT COULD BE WRONG WITH CANDIDATES FOR THE SUCCESSION ALL COMING TOGETHER NORMALLY?

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND AT ALL, DO YOU?

YES.

YOU MEAN TO ELIMINATE ANY KIND OF THREATS?

!

BUT THEY HAVEN'T HAD ANY TRAIN-ING AT ALL IN PROACTIVELY KILLING PEOPLE.

PRO BODYGUARDS MAY SPECIALIZE IN PROTECTING IMPORTANT PEOPLE...

A JOURNEY UNTIL THERE IS ONLY ONE PRINCE LEFT...

THIS VOYAGE IS MEANT TO BE A SURVIVAL MATCH...

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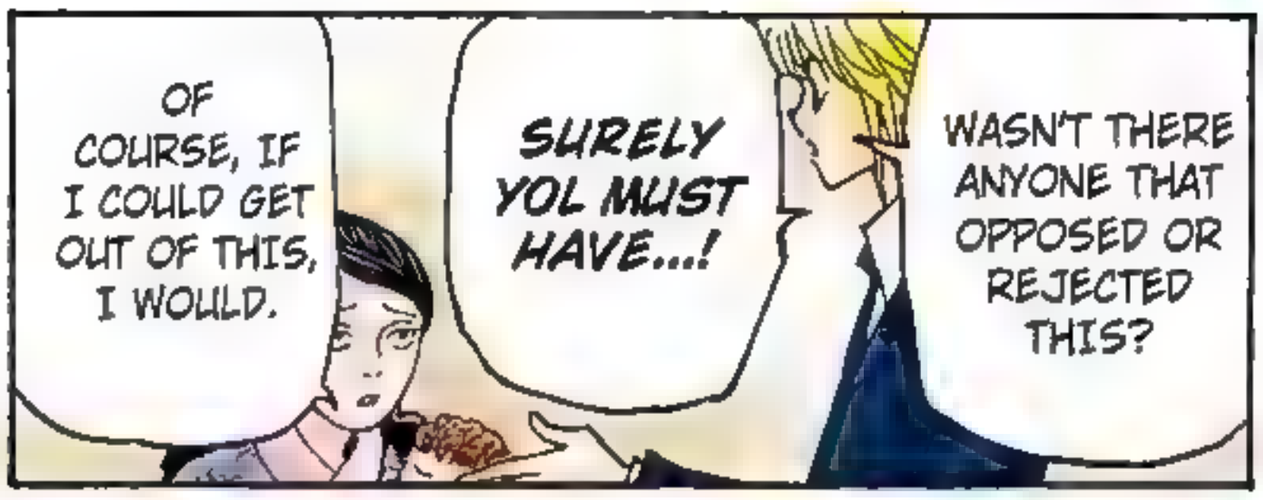
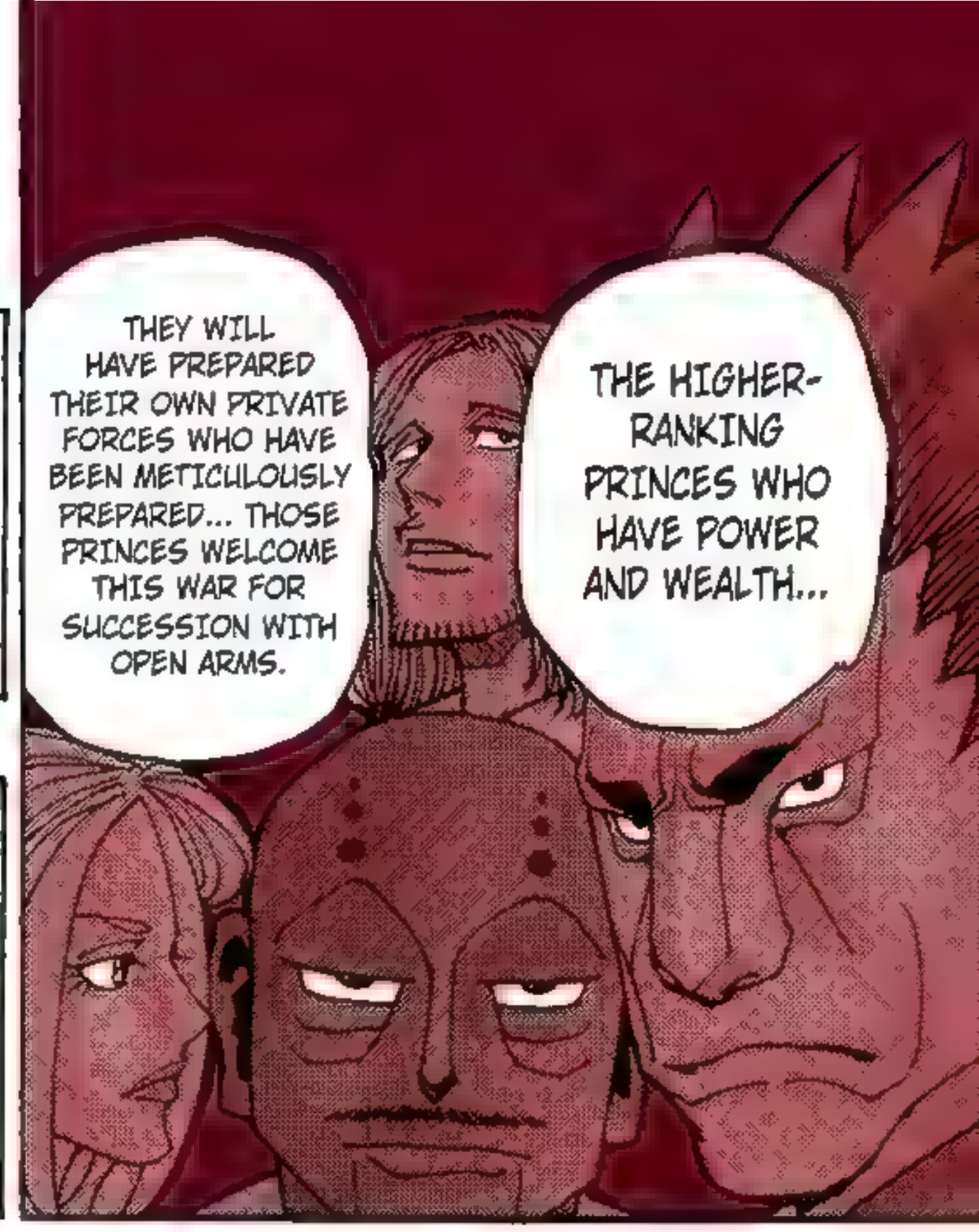
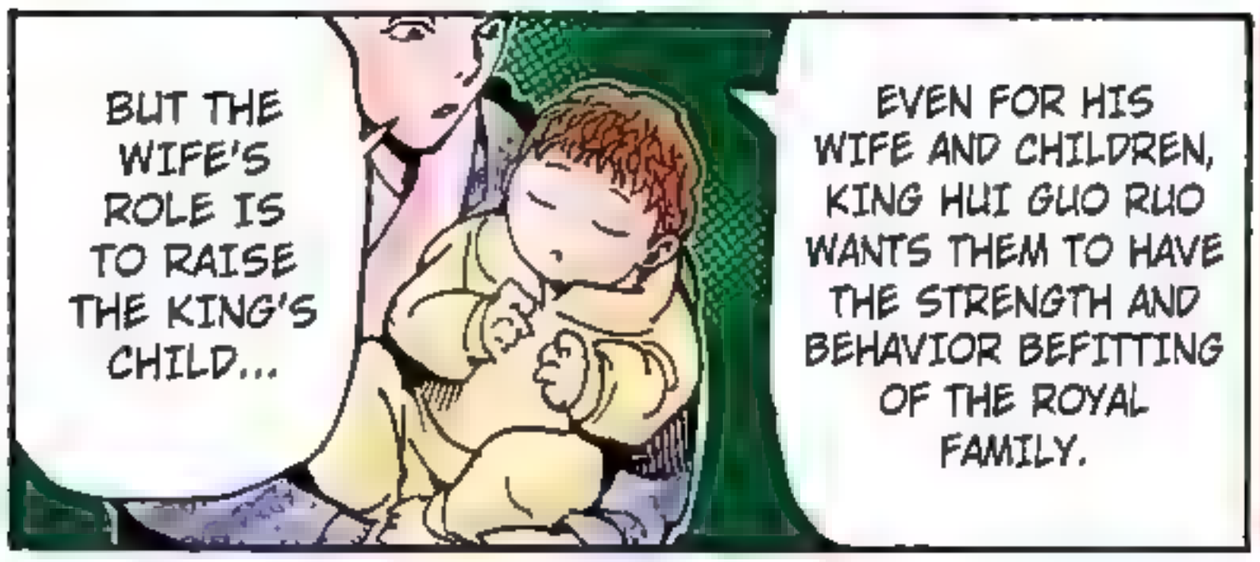
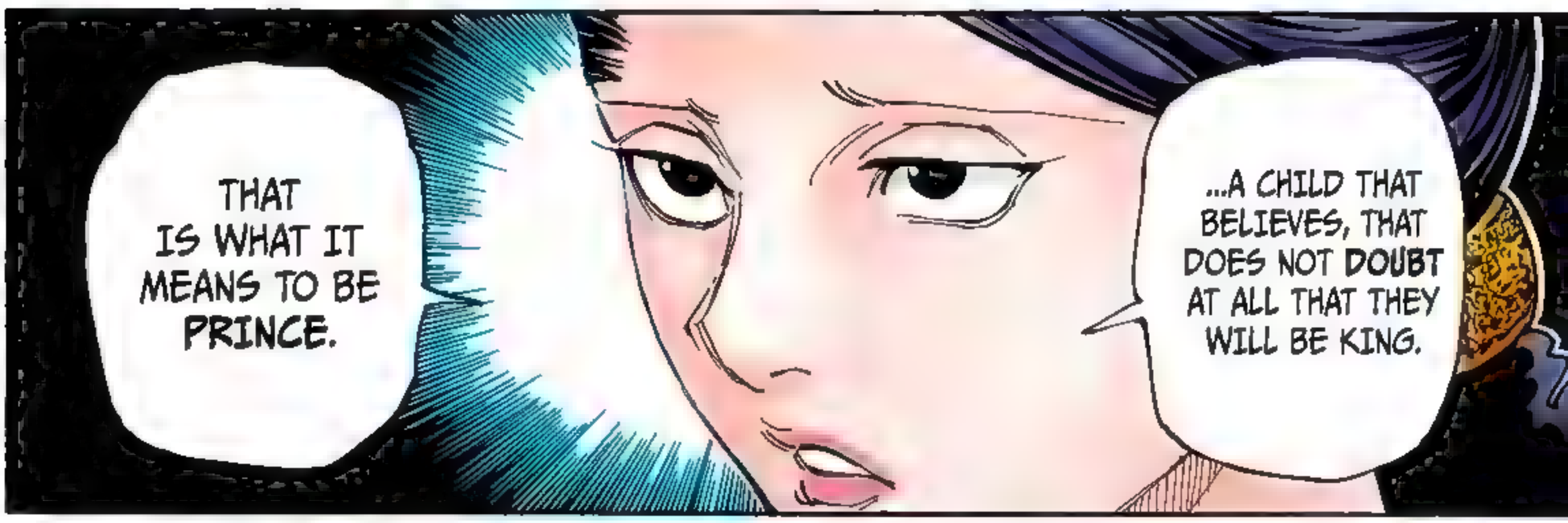
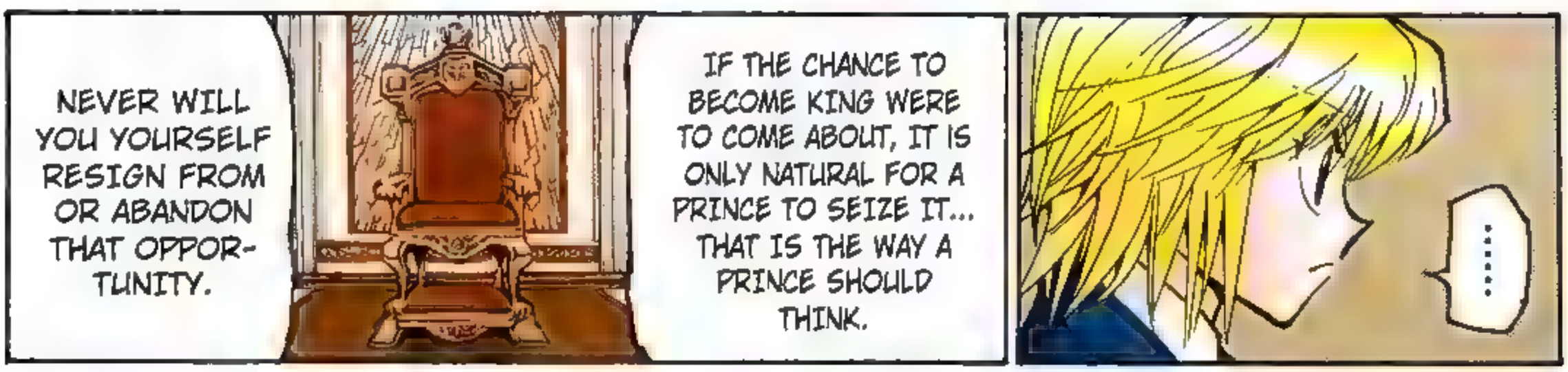

OF COURSE, IF I COULD GET OUT OF THIS, I WOULD.
SURELY YOL MUST HAVE...!
WASN'T THERE ANYONE THAT OPPOSED OR REJECTED THIS?


THEY WILL HAVE PREPARED THEIR OWN PRIVATE FORCES WHO HAVE BEEN METICULOUSLY PREPARED... THOSE PRINCES WELCOME THIS WAR FOR SUCCESSION WITH OPEN ARMS.
THE HIGHER-RANKING PRINCES WHO HAVE POWER AND WEALTH...


BUT THE WIFE'S ROLE IS TO RAISE THE KING'S CHILD...
EVEN FOR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN, KING HUI GUO RUO WANTS THEM TO HAVE THE STRENGTH AND BEHAVIOR BEFITTING OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.


THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PRINCE.
...A CHILD THAT BELIEVES, THAT DOES NOT DOUBT AT ALL THAT THEY WILL BE KING.


NEVER WILL YOU YOURSELF RESIGN FROM OR ABANDON THAT OPPOR-TUNITY.
IF THE CHANCE TO BECOME KING WERE TO COME ABOUT, IT IS ONLY NATURAL FOR A PRINCE TO SEIZE IT... THAT IS THE WAY A PRINCE SHOULD THINK.
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THE FATE OF THOSE THAT FLEE IN DEFEAT IS NOT HARD TO IMAGINE, IS IT?
"THOSE THAT DO ARE NO LONGER THE KING'S CHILDREN, ARE NO LONGER PRINCES."
THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN TALIGHT TO US, INGRAINED INTO US BY THE KING.

THAT WAS THE ONLY CARD WE COULD TO PLAY TO BLY OUR SAFETY.

OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO BUY OUR SAFETY...

...DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE...

I... WON'T ASK...

IF THE DETAILS OF HOW THE NEXT KING WAS SELECTED, BY THIS SUCCESSION WAR HERE, WERE TO BE MADE PUBLIC...

IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE DAMAGING FOR HIM WHEN HE BECOMES KING...!!

WE, WHO ARE IN THE WEAKEST OF POSITIONS, OUR TRUMP CARD IS PRINCE HARKEN-BURG.

IF YOU LEAVE NOW, WE WILL STILL PAY YOU THE PROMISED FEE IF YOU KEEP THIS CONVERSATION CONFIDENTIAL.

BUT IF YOU ACCEPT OUR REQUEST AND HELP US ESCAPE SAFELY OFF THIS SHIP, WE WILL PAY YOU 10 TIMES WHAT YOUR COMPENSATION WAS.

...IF YOU'LL AGREE TO MY CONDI-TIONS....

BUT ...

I'M NOT IN EITHER PO-SITION YOU DESCRIBED.

...I DO PROMISE TO PROTECT YOU TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES.

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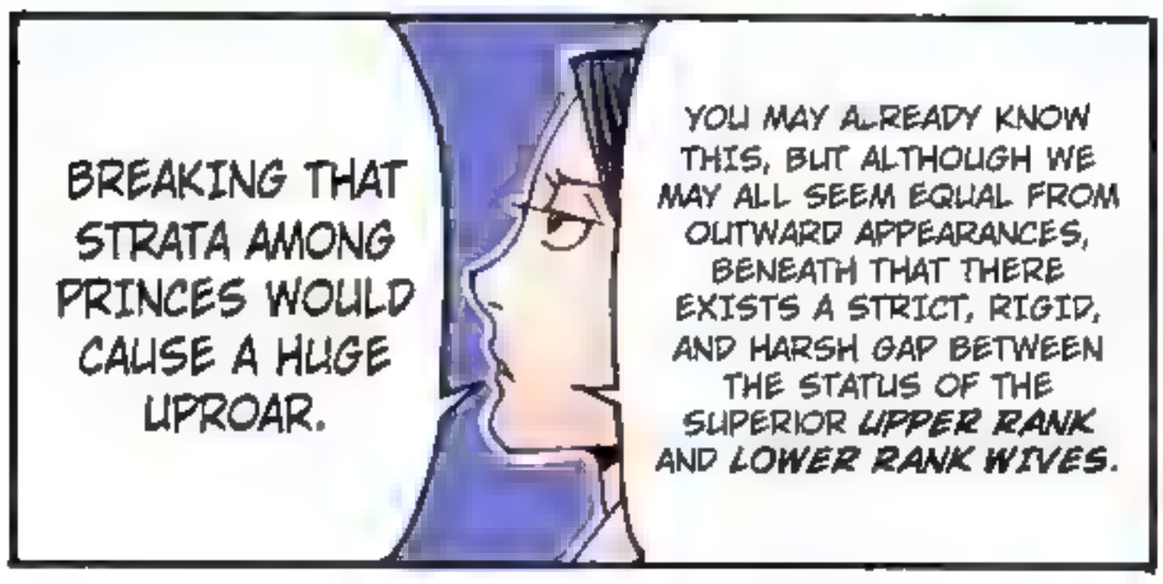
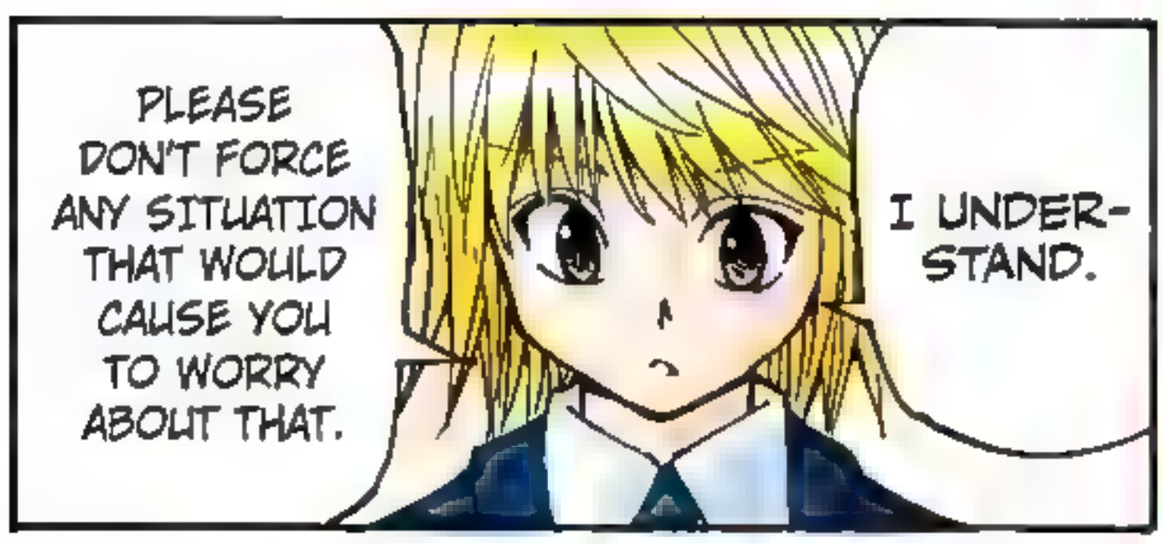
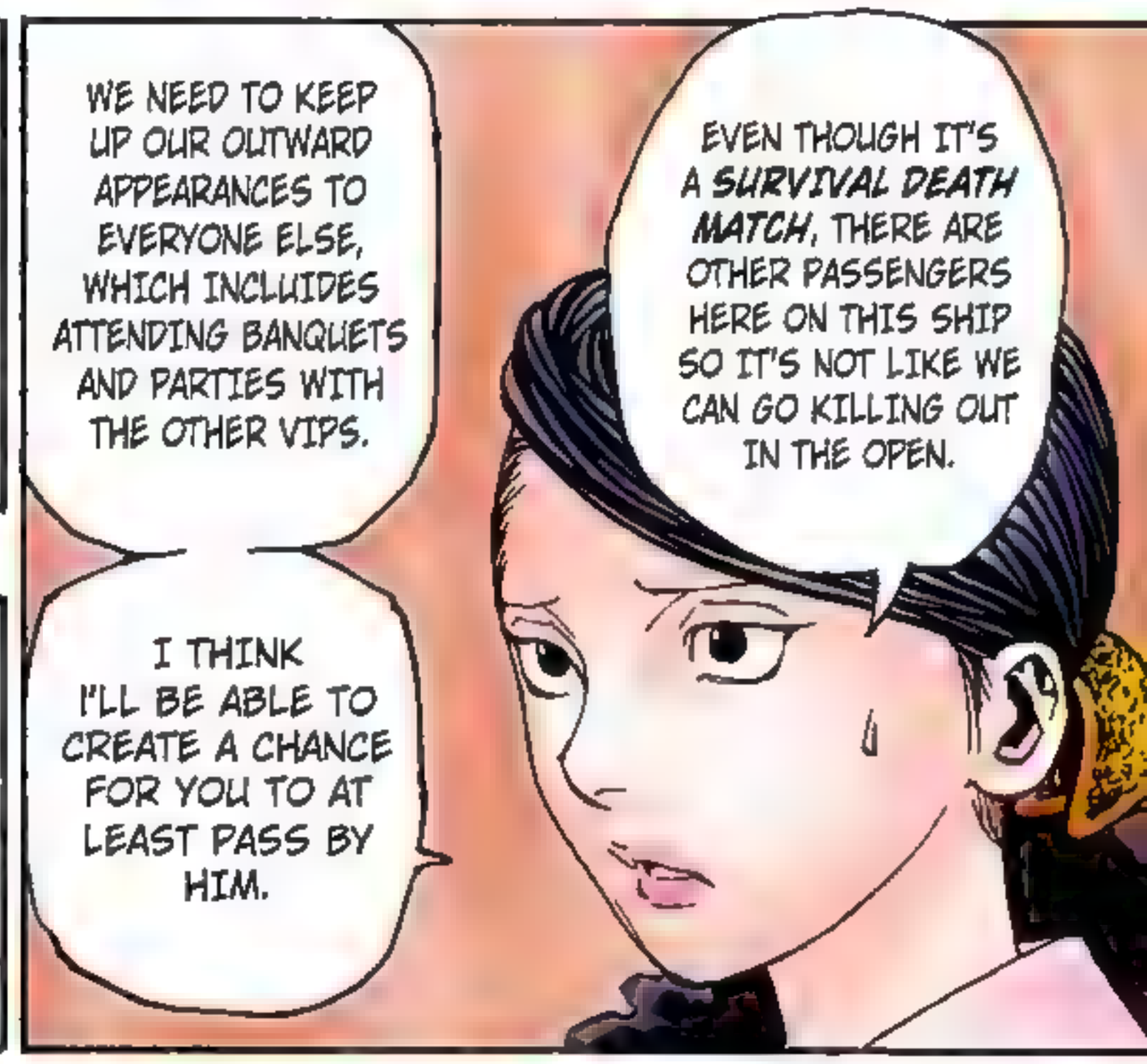
I CAN'T FORCE YOU INTO THIS ...

I'LL DO IT.

VERY WELL.



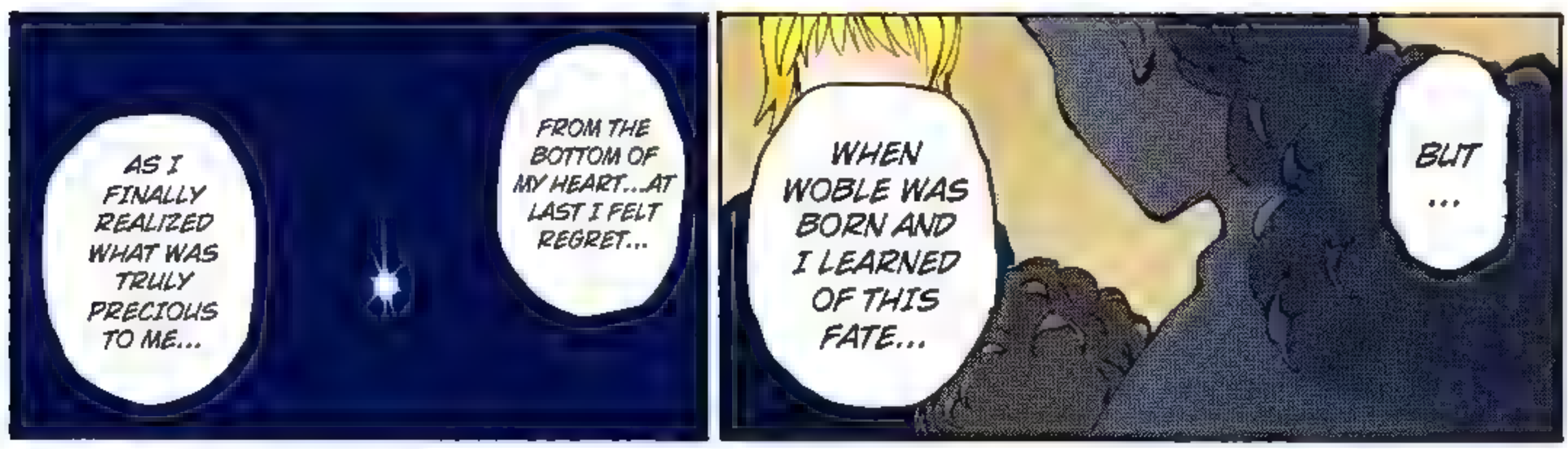


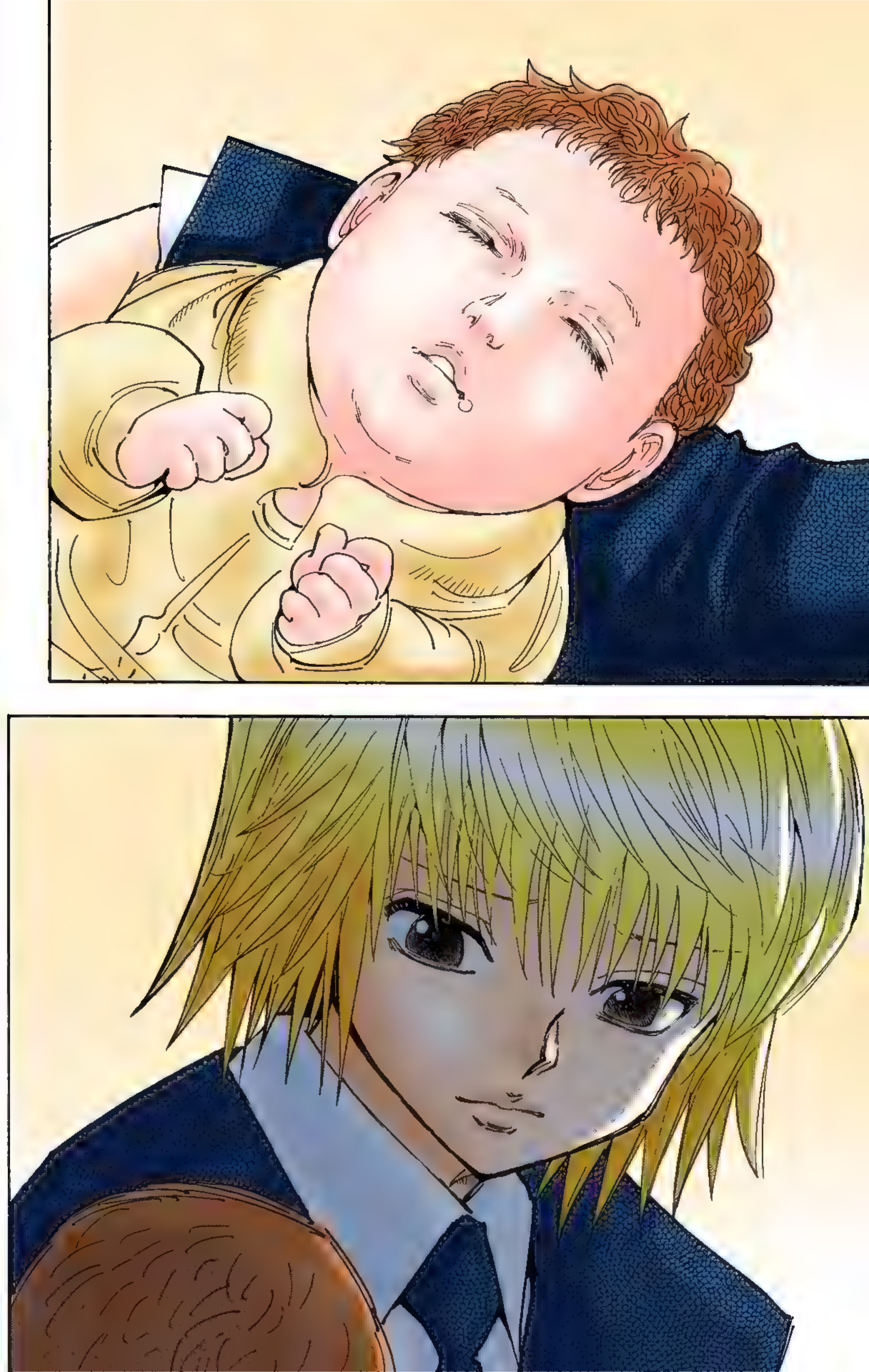


WERE TO BE SHOWERED IN FAME AND WEALTH... IT WAS A SHAMEFUL LIFE OF EXCESS AND LUXURY.

AT THAT TIME ...MY ONLY DREAMS AND WISHES...

WHEN THE KING FIRST FELL IN LOVE WITH ME, HE WAS SMITTEN WITH ME AS HIS WIFE.





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BODYGAURD OF THE 7TH PRINCE: LUZURUS.
BISCUIT
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IZUNABI
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HANZO
BODYGAURD OF THE 12 PRINCE: MOMOZE.
MELODY
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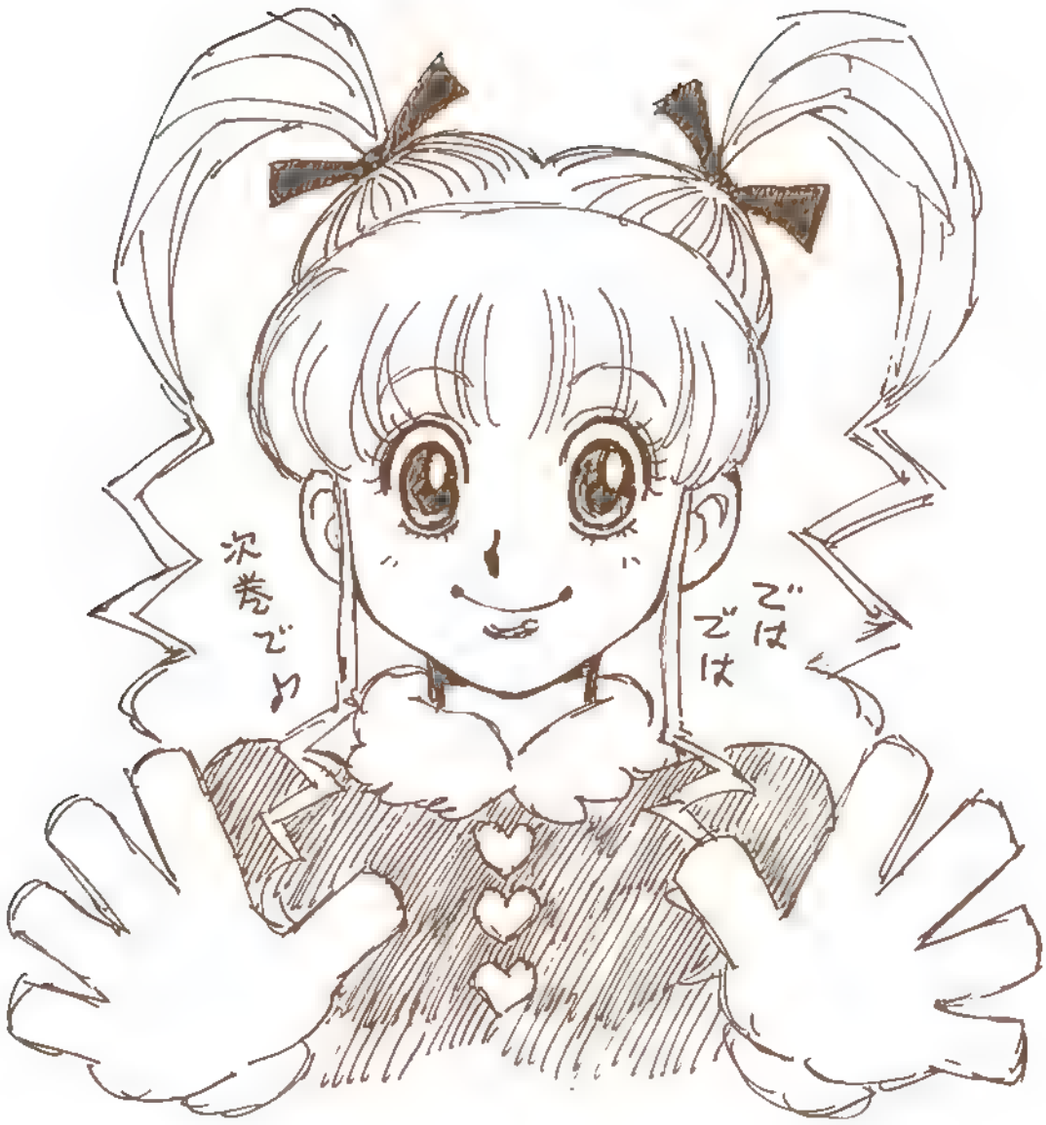
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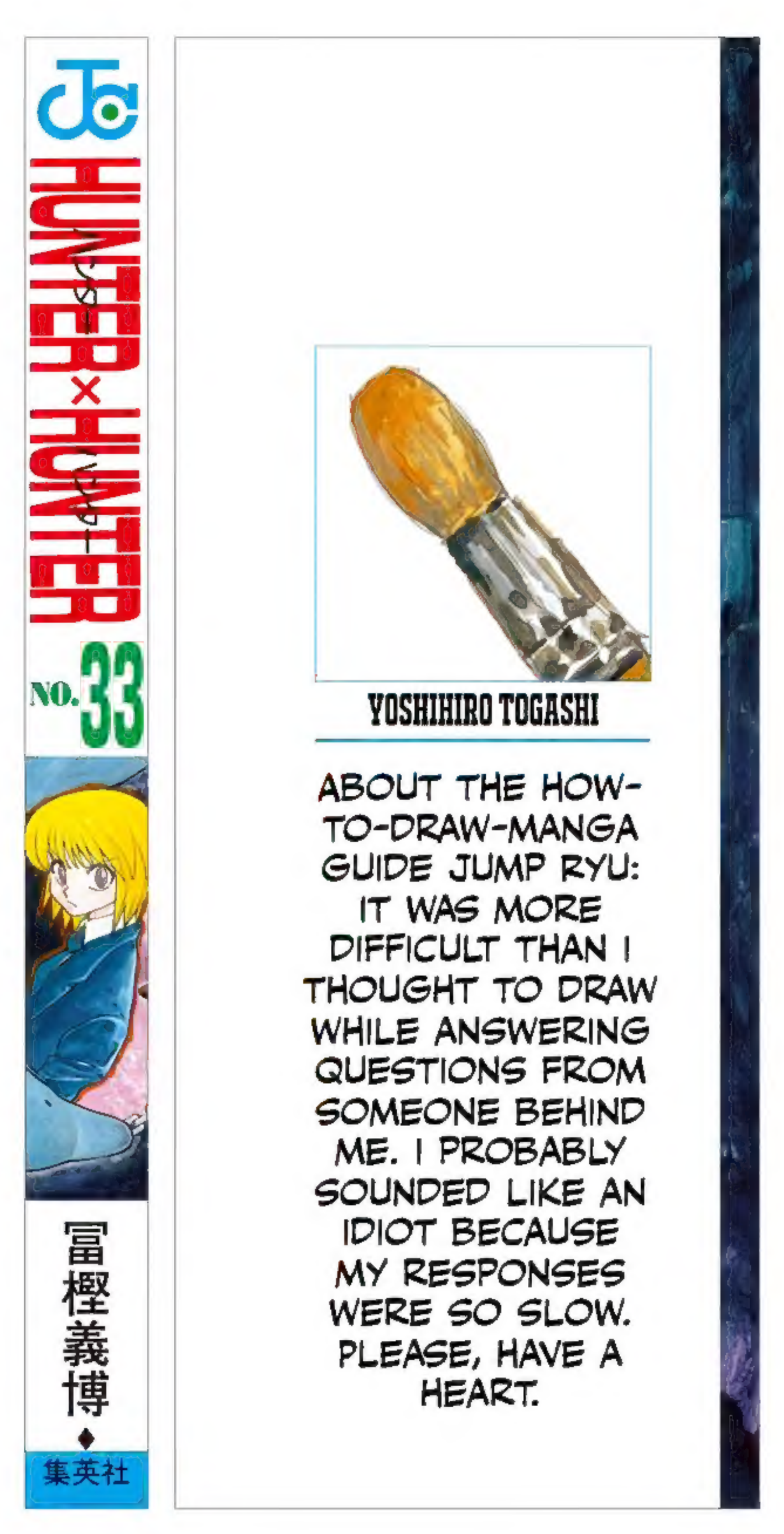

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NO.33▶厄災

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本体・表紙

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